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CARNEY—At Errigle, Cootehill, the wife of Major P. Carney, M.B., a son.

COOPER—January 15, 1924, at "Bramwell," Fairfield rd., London, S.W. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Cyril Cooper, a daughter.

HAMILTON—February 1, 1924, wife of Rev. G. F. Hamilton, The Glebe, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, of a son.

HILL—At Inver House, Meath rd., Bray, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hill, Newcastle, a son.

ROBINSON—February 4, 1924, at "Maglona" Nursing Home, 36 Upper Mount st., Dublin, the wife of the Rev. J. T. Robinson, Old Leighlin Rectory, a daughter.

WALLNUTT—January 27, 1924, at Corbally, Limerick, to Mr and Mrs. C. Wallnutt, a son.

MARRIAGE.

ARNOLD and LEWIS—January 30, 1924, at St. George's, Belfast, by Rev. Canon Murphy, D.D., Captain W. J. Arnold, East Lancashire Regiment, to Dorothy E. Lewis, of The Acrebuck, Ballycarry, Co. Antrim.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on page 4.

ANDERSON—February 5, 1924, at Methodist Widows' Home, Grantham st., Elizabeth, widow of George Anderson, aged 86. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday), 9 a.m., for St. George's.

BAIRD—February 4, 1924, at her residence, 14 Glenaarm av., Drumcondra, Letitia, widow of late James Baird, Kingstown, and daughter of late William Annett, Maghery, Co. Down, aged 74. "Her end was peace." Deeply mourned by sons and relatives. Funeral, Dean's Grange, to-day (Wednesday) 1 p.m.

BARNARD—January 29, 1924, at Territed, after a long illness, John, fifth son of the late W. W. Barnard, of 25 Belmont av., Donnybrook.

CASSIDY—February 5, 1924, at his residence, Killegarran, James J. Cassidy, aged 76 years. Funeral to Glasnevin (by motor), after 8 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Thursday).

DAWLINS—February 2, 1924, at Cronroe, Ashford, Edward Cawlins, in his 45th year. "With Christ, which is far better."

CLIBBORN—February 2, 1924, at Vernon Farm, Balmoral, Manitoba, Edith B. Clibborn, of Rosemount, Moate, Co. Westmeath, and daughter of the late C. J. Clibborn, M.D., Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

COLEMAN—February 3, 1924, at 37 Atherfold rd., Clapham, London, Thomas Robert, son of the late Thomas Coleman, Mountain View rd., Dublin. Interment at Streatham Park Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday), February 7th.

CROWLEY—February 5, 1924, at her residence, Dungriffan, Charlemont rd., Clontarf, Brigid Mary, relict of the late Professor Patrick Crowley. R.I.P. Funeral private.

FACEY—At 4 Leinster rd., Henry Facey, in his 93rd year. Funeral private. Interment at Mount Jerome this (Wednesday) morning 10 o'clock.

GLOVER—February 4, 1924, at 5 Palmerston Gardens, Mary, widow of the late John Glover, solicitor, Magherafelt, aged 86. Funeral private. No flowers.

HENNESSY—February 2, 1924, at Galtee Villa, Gallowly, Limerick, Dr. William Hennessy. Funeral arrangements later.

KEOGH—At his residence, 13 Guild st., Dublin, John Keogh, late City of Dublin Steam Packet Co. Deeply and deservedly regretted by his wife, relatives, and large circle of friends. Funeral from St. Laurence O'Toole's Church, Seville place, after the 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Liverpool and Australian papers please copy.

KINKEAD—February 4, 1924, at her residence, The Cottage, Model Farm, Glasnevin, after a brief illness, Margaret J., widow of the late George Kinkead. Funeral at 3 p.m. to-day (Wednesday) to Glasnevin Churchyard.

O'KEEFFE—January 29, 1924, at St. Patrick's Home, Kilmainham, Mary, widow of the late Patrick O'Keeffe, Benhiskey Lodge, Carlow. R.I.P. English and American papers please copy.

RICHARDSON—February 5, 1924, at her residence, 1 Tivoli tce., North, Kingstown, Florence, daughter of the late Andrew and Charlotte Richardson late of York rd., Kingstown. Funeral arrangements later. American and Australian papers please copy.

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Let me hide myself in Thee."

STEPHENSON—February 5, 1924, at Belmont, Innishannon, Caroline Georgina Sophia Stephenson, wife of Henry Stillington Grey Stephenson. Funeral at 11.0 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) for Innishannon. English papers please copy.

WATT—February 5, 1924, at 36 Botanic rd., Glasnevin, John Alexander Watt. Funeral to St. George's Burial Ground to-morrow (Thursday) at 3.30 a.m.

WILSON—February 5, 1924, at 7 Shaftesbury square, Whitehead, Co. Antrim, Jane, widow of the late J. H. Wilson, Lisnaskea, and late of Woodville, Finglas rd., Dublin. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) to Glenaskea Churchyard, arriving about 1 o'clock.—Maud Wilson.

IN MEMORIAM.

FOOTE—Second Anniversary—In loving memory of my darling wife, Lizzie Foote, who fell asleep on October 19th, 1923.
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HIFLE—In sad and loving memory of our dear daughter, Maud, who entered into rest on the 6th February, 1922, at 6 Princes st., Tralee.

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Dublin Port and Docks Board.
5th February, 1924.

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(GENERAL PRISONS BOARD),
CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO ROOFS OF MOUNTJOY PRISON.
The General Prisons Board hereby invite Tenders for extensive repairs to the roofs of No. 1 Prison, Mountjoy, and certain other minor incidental work, in accordance with specification, copies of which may be obtained on application to the Governor, Mountjoy Prison, or at the Office of the Board.
No alteration may be made in the Tender or Specification except with the consent of the Board previously obtained.
Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Vice-Chairman, General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle, and endorsed in block capitals, "TENDERS" must be lodged at the Office of the Board not later than 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 11th February, 1924.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.
5th February, 1924.
TENDERS Wanted from Qualified Opticians for supply of Spectacles to Out-patients at Sir Patrick's Dun's Hospital. For particulars apply to the REGISTRAR any day between 10 and 1.

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LOST AND FOUND.
LOST, Friday, 13th, Book, "My Russian Life," kindly return, Finagan Moatlands, Navan. 1 C
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LOST, Lady's Brown Silk Bag, with White Top, on Sunday evening, between Merrion Gates and Pembroke road; contains keys and small sum money, etc. Address "Z 4771, Lost," this office. 1 C
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BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL
CONSULTING ENGINEER WANTED.
The Joint Committee of Management of the above Institution will, at their meeting to be held on MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1924, proceed to elect a Consulting Engineer to the Institution. The term of appointment will be for one year, and the Committee reserve the power of revision after that period. The salary shall be £100 per annum, with railway fare. The person appointed shall be required to produce evidence that he is a duly qualified Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. He will be required to supervise the electrical and mechanical Plants of the Institution, and also prepare plans and specifications for any number of contracts, and also supervise alterations, etc., of old work. He will be required to visit the Institution twice monthly if necessary.
Applications, marked "Consulting Engineer," addressed to the Resident Medical Superintendent, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 11th February, 1924.
By Order of the Committee,
JOHN MILLS,
Resident Medical Superintendent.
14th January, 1924.

BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL
COOK WANTED.
The Committee of Management of above Institution will, at their meeting to be held on MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1924, appoint a fully qualified Cook, aged 21 to 35 years, for New Hospital Kitchen, at a salary of £60 per annum (indoor).
The following documents must accompany each application, or they will not be considered:—Proof of qualifications, certificate of age, testimonials if any.
Applications, marked "Cook," addressed to the Resident Medical Superintendent, will be received not later than 1 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, 9th day of February, 1924.
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GREYSTONES NATIONAL SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL TEACHER (F.C.) WANTED on 1st May. Only experienced teachers need apply. University (graduate preferred. Reports and applications to Edward Archer, Ard-na-Ree, Greystones. 1 X

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COACHBUILDING—Trimmers and Panel Beaters Wanted for provincial town; must be men with first class knowledge of leather work; 72s per week of 47 hours. Address "Z 4779, Trimmers," this office. 1 C

CARPENTER Wanted; one accustomed shop fitting; alterations. Apply F 1247, this office. 1 C

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CABINETMAKING—Apprentice Wanted; good wages from start.—Express Office, Belfast. 1 E

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MORRIS Cars—Re wire, purchase immediately on provincial town in West (three single gentlemen); must be first class cook, sober, reliable; state terms, references, stating wages required. "Z 4760, Cook Housekeeper," this office. 5 F

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SUNBEAM, 14 h.p., 1922 Tourer, electric light, self starter, rear screen, etc., just overhauled at works. Owner just purchaser 1924 model. Seen at Garage of Authorised Sunbeam Dealer, T. J. Rogers, 42-5 South King street, Dublin. 5 D

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IRISH FARMING REVIEW

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INCREASING OUTPUT.

HOW TO MAKE FARMING PAY.

Since raising the question, "Does our farming pay?" we have seen increasing evidence that it does not. A writer in a midland county detailing his experiences, not for publication, explains that, with the best skill and forethought he could devise in his farming, he is about £100 to the bad on his work in 1923. A farmer in a Munster county, working a few hundred acres on an approved system, with the help of about 30 men, writes that he has decided that unless some better method, co-operative or other, can be applied he must give up, and let these agricultural workers shift for themselves. These two cases, differing in probably all the details, are typical of what one hears almost everywhere: farmers find they cannot get on, and are thinking of how they can get out. Meanwhile, though farming is disastrous to many individuals and perplexing to probably all, the nation has not only so far managed to live on it; it recognises that, by whatever shifts of method and dodgings of fate, it must continue to do so. Hence it is that the farmers and the nation as a whole are anticipating eagerly the issue of the report of the Commission on Agriculture—which rumour says is rapidly approaching completion—those immediately concerned in the industry with more anxiety than hope and the rest of the nation with a mixture of hope and solicitude.

What of the Commission?

Everyone knows that by no magical formula can the report raise farming by a sudden leap from a losing to a paying basis. Assuming its recommendations to be practical beyond the range of the mere tiller of the soil and sagacious beyond the schemes of the expert, it will be only by the union of these two classes that the redemption of the farmer and farm worker from debt, disaster, and privation can be worked out. But what direction, it may well be asked, can such union take?

The Minister for Agriculture has outlined a practical policy, consonant with the Commission's interim reports, for levelling up the quality of our butter and eggs, a policy already foreshadowed in these columns. He is considering a similar policy in regard to bacon and probably beef. Here the place of the expert is obvious. All this is to the good, but larger issues than the treatment of this or that product are bound to emerge—education, for instance—on which one or two ideas occur to us, which, if they could be offered in evidence—and we believe they have been suggested—the Commission might find worth considering.

Developing Agricultural Education.

Much money has been spent in this country, and on the whole, we think, wisely spent, to further the cause of agricultural education. But there are at least two points at which we

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

THE WINTER COLD.

A COLD in the head spells certain death to beauty. Unfortunately, colds are very prevalent at this season of the year. A chronic cold can make one feel thoroughly miserable, but quite a slight one is sufficient to mar a girl's good looks. The most prominent features are attacked in the first stage and spoilt.

The great secret of fighting this deadly foe to beauty is to remember the old saying, "A stitch in time." Should the slightest symptom of a cold appear be prepared for the worst. Treatment of the parts most likely to be affected should be commenced at once. A little good cold cream or boracic ointment rubbed over the nostrils and around the lips will act like magic. After washing the face a little cream should be gently rubbed into the skin for as long as the cold lasts, even if it can only be left on for two or three minutes.

The best remedy for chapped lips is zinc ointment, applied frequently in very small quantities and allowed to soak in. If the lips become swollen and puffy from the cold, they should be bathed with hot boracic lotion last thing at night.

Perhaps, the most distressing feature of a cold is that "horrid sore nose." But if you add a flat teaspoonful of salt to a tumbler of warm water and sniff up the solution, you won't have it for long. Remember germs very much dislike salt. You know the old-fashioned first aid for a cut, "rub salt into it," was very sound, even if somewhat drastic, for bacteria cannot thrive near salt.

So much for the nasal wash, but the sorest-looking part is outside. To remedy this bathe the nose well with hot boracic lotion at night and apply a little soothing cream.

Swollen eyelids, a characteristic of a cold, are one of the most unbecoming ills that it is possible to have. These also should be bathed frequently with hot boracic lotion. A handkerchief dipped into the lotion and placed across the eyes for at least half an hour will quickly improve matters. In fact, when you have a cold there is nothing to beat boracic lotion for efficacy. It is simply made by adding a teaspoonful of boric powder to half a pint of hot water.

The unsightly effects of a cold are only remedied by constant efforts at frequent intervals, not by one long treatment at bedtime. But when it is a question of good looks *versus* bad, it is surely worth while.

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Of Hyacinth-Blue Georgette, with Opalescent Beading. A Black Velvet Water Lily decorates one Shoulder.

ON MAKING FRIENDS.

ONE often hears it remarked, "I cannot understand why so-and-so cannot make friends—she is young, clever, pretty, generous and a really good sort." As a matter of fact, you are never liked for beauty, goodness, or cleverness; but you may be liked in spite of them.

If you have a habit of "seeing through" people, and they know it, it will not bid for friendship. Be natural; no one likes a girl who "puts on" even a sham accent. A mask is never quite safe; it is sure to slip some day, somehow.

If you are suspicious you are never happy, and the state of your mind is reflected in your face. Then, of course, a morbid expression warns off your would-be friends.

Never ridicule one friend to another; you will lose both—besides that, it is not sporting. Do not indulge too much in the light chaffing of your friends; they are few and far between who can appreciate a joke against themselves, and all your friends cannot see from your standpoint.

It is not good to say things that hurt and are "just to the point," because you wish to appear "straight"; a dagger is a very straight and beautiful thing—so is a pin! Do not adopt a pitying attitude to your friend because you consider she is not quite so attractive as you are—other people may not agree with you.

There is no greater barrier between you and friendship than to have a reputation for saying smart things. A caustic tongue is the worst attribute any woman can cultivate. Many a one who has no attraction, beyond that of keeping a quiet tongue and even temper, gets far ahead of her more brilliant sister. Remember girls, no man wants to marry a mustard-plaster, or a packet of needles.

The nagging woman is an affliction, but the woman with a bitter, sarcastic tongue is a—catastrophe. No matter what good qualities or overflowing virtues she may possess, her unfortunate possession does away for ever with any friendships she is liable to form.

The real way to attract friends to your side is to forget about yourself, in the first instance. To be blind and deaf on occasion to the faults and failings of others; to sympathise with small conceits and overlook weaknesses. Repeat nice things you have heard; you must leave out the nasty ones.

Above all things, do not appear to have favourites, but be kindly and genial to all. Receive a gift graciously and gratefully, and do not be in a hurry to return the compliment. Do not interfere in other people's quarrels; neither ask two of your friends to tea when you know they have fallen out!

Do not consider every person peculiar who differs from you, and tell everybody you meet that you think them so; for the person will surely hear it, and hate you accordingly—then you will fret and wonder why you have no friends.

E. L. T.

UNITED IRISH PLOTHOLDERS' UNION.

At a special Council meeting of the United Irish Plotholders' Union in Dublin recently the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"That this Council places on record its regret at the delay of the Ministry in passing promised legislation, and now calls on the Government to introduce at once the Irish Allotments Bill. That copies of this resolution be sent to the President Dail Eireann, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Local Government and the Press."

TO CURE BACKACHE.

A SPECIALIST'S ADVICE.

Backache, that excruciating agonising pain in the small of the back which almost drives one crazy, and often makes the slightest movement torture, is almost invariably due to the failure of the kidneys to do their work properly. The first thing that happens when the kidneys begin to fail is the deposit of uric acid crystals, which usually first make their presence felt in the nerve sheaths in the big muscles of the back and hips. Whenever the condition occurs, there are two things to be done: first, dissolve out the uric acid crystals, and second, restore the natural tone and vigour of the kidneys, so that the uric acid which continually forms in the body is filtered from the blood and flushed out of the system in a natural manner instead of being permitted to collect and crystallize as described above. Formerly, to accomplish these two objects it was necessary to take expensive courses of treatment at famous springs, but an eminent scientist has recently discovered that the same result may be secured at slight expense by drinking, three or four times a day, a glass of water in which has been dissolved a teaspoonful of refined *Alkia Saltrates*. These saltrates, which in their refined form enable you to reproduce the curative and medicinal properties of the most famous springs, and are obtainable of any chemist, will, in a few days, not only remove all uric acid from the blood, thus causing backache, rheumatism and lumbago to disappear, but they will also at the same time entirely restore the kidneys to normal activity and perfect health, thus guaranteeing freedom from future attacks.

THE BEVAN SWINDLE.

DIRECTORS' AND AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY.

The hearing was resumed in the Chancery Court, London, yesterday of summonses issued by the Official Receiver in liquidation of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., alleging misfeasance against the directors and auditors of the company.

Mr. Topham, for the Official Receiver, referring to the company's balance sheets, submitted that if the directors had known the true position they would not have passed them in the form in which they were passed, and that they would have inquired into the position and realised what a large sum of money was owing by Ellis and Co. The balance sheets failed to comply with the provisions of the law.

The Judge asked if failure to comply with the Insurance Companies Act led to the losses, and counsel replied that if the true nature of the balance sheets had been disclosed the situation could not have continued.

Mr. Stuart Bevan, for the auditors, said that there was no allegation against them in regard to the balance sheets not being in accordance with the Insurance Companies Act, or against the directors on that score.

Mr. Topham replied that he was making no charge on that ground. He was merely pointing out that the balance sheets did not disclose the true financial position of Bevan, and that the auditors took no trouble to see that the balance sheets were put forward in the form required. The Finance Committee authorised an investment up to £150,000 in the Brazilian branch, in which two of their members, Bevan and Haig Thomas, were interested. Ellis and Co. were credited with £536,000 for Treasury bills which never became the Equitable Company's property. A loss of £225,000 was sustained over the sale of industrial shares.

The hearing was adjourned.

On behalf of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne's Fund, Sir John McWhae, Agent-General for Victoria, Australia, has handed a further donation of £1,000 to the Save the Children Fund, which is being applied for the relief of refugee children in the Near East. The total amount contributed from Victoria to this fund is now £27,900.

George J. Jacobs, of New Orleans, U.S.A., a policeman for fifteen years, has been excused from jury service because he said he could not believe a policeman under oath.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE FARMER'S PLIGHT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The President has again made use of the old slogan that farmers are 70% of the country. We have heard this so often that it has lost any meaning for us. Almost all the members of the Government have told us that at some time or other. I think that Mr. Blythe told it to us again some months ago when at the same time he said that the wages of the non-producing classes should be reduced to give farmers and their men a chance to live. We are still waiting for a move in that direction. It is not so long ago since the dock strike was on, and would have been fought to a finish if the Government had not stepped in and split the difference—and so left us paying more wages than they pay in England.

They promised an inquiry into the whole question. We are also still waiting for that inquiry. In the meantime we are paying 50s. for the carriage of a ton of stuff that used to cost only 12s. 6d. before the war. We are paying £3 *per* head on the carriage of a bullock to England that used to cost less than £1. It makes no difference to shipowners, railway companies, corn merchants, cattle dealers or anyone else what wages they pay their men so long as they can charge more for what they have to sell and pay the farmer less for what he has to sell. Our very rates are three times pre-war, and the man that collects them has his poundage doubled as well; so you can calculate what an increase he has at our expense.

If the Government do not soon give up talking and do something practical for agriculture, they will have to get their salaries from someone besides the farmers. We are told now that we will have to improve our dairy cows and beef cattle. For what—to make more money for those who have no cows or beef?—Yours, etc.,

"LONG-SUFFERING FARMER."

Co. Tipperary, February 4th, 1924.

THE FREE STATE'S FOOTWEAR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Many startling facts emerge from the most prosaic of trade returns, and the following extract from the British Board of Trade returns showing the export of boots and shoes from Great Britain to other countries during the month of December affords much food for thought. The total number of pairs of boots and shoes sent from Great Britain to all countries was 403,788, valued at £196,082. Of these, the Irish Free State absorbed 295,896, valued at £149,865. In other words, this poor country, where unemployment is rife and boot factories are, in some cases, closed down, and in others working short time, afforded Great Britain a market three times as valuable as the whole of the rest of the world combined. Canada, the United States, China, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, and fifty-two other countries which are named in the return only buy between them 107,892 pairs of boots and shoes; but part of Ireland, in one month, purchases 295,896 pairs, and pays an average price of sevenpence more *per* pair for them. A British trade paper is quite complacent about the figures, and comments as follows:—"There is no reason to suppose that the trade with Ireland will not be maintained, that country being now by far the largest oversea market for British-made footwear."

It is for Ireland to say if her chief export in future is to continue to be man-power. If this is not to be the policy of this country, the sooner the significance of figures such as I quote is realised the better.—Yours, etc.,

E. N. SOMERS, Secretary.
Permanent Exhibition of Irish Goods,
42 Upper O'Connell street
Dublin, February 5th, 1924.

VISITORS TO DUBLIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Someone, spending a few days in Dublin last week, visited four hotels before finding a vacant room. This state of affairs in ordinary times makes one wonder what is going to happen in August when the Royal Dublin Society's Shows and the Aonach Tailteann are demanding rooms.

Would it be of use to suggest that a Paying Guest Committee, or Bureau, should be formed to find out how many people having spare rooms in their homes would be willing to offer them to paying guests, giving the proceeds to a particular or general hospital fund (bed and breakfast only)? I have two spare rooms in a house on Merrion road. I am prepared to use them for this purpose in August.—Yours, etc.,

"ANN IDRA."

Dublin, February 5th, 1924.

THE OIREACHTAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The Royal Barracks would make an excellent temporary House of Parliament, and eventually the permanent House could be built on the grounds between the barracks and the quay, leaving the barracks for offices, attendants' quarters, etc. There is at present a road between the barracks and the small park, but it could be closed down, as there are no houses along it. I have heard that in the scheme for a "Greater Dublin" it is proposed to make Capel street the centre of the city. In that event the House of Parliament would be in the principal part of the city, and even now it would be quite convenient. The troops could be changed to the other many barracks in Dublin. The House would have ample room, even for the permanent buildings; and, as it is already Government property, there would be no outlay in having to purchase a site.—Yours, etc.,

"J. N. F."

Co. Roscommon, February 4th, 1924.

WOODROW WILSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Perhaps, the grandest vindication of ex-President Wilson's life and mission is to be found in the 5th Book of Plato's "Republic." I quote the passage from Jowett's fine translation:—

"Until philosophers are kings, or the kings and princes of this world have the spirit and power of philosophers and political greatness and wisdom meet in one, and those commoner natures who pursue either to the exclusion of the other, are compelled to stand aside, cities will never have rest from their evils—no, nor the human race, as I believe—and then only will this our State have a possibility of life, and behold the light of day."—Yours, etc.

ROBERT BROWN.
The Vicarage, Donabate, Co. Dublin,
February 5th, 1924.

SWIFT AND STELLA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In a beautiful article "Beds" says that those who pass the lit windows of St. Patrick's may wonder through which Swift saw the torches move when they buried Stella and his happiness in one tomb. Sir Thomas Drew said something the same in a paper read before the Royal Society of Antiquaries. But Swift himself wrote in that affecting account of Stella, "On the Death of Mrs. Johnson":—

"January 30. Tuesday. [1727-8]

"This is the night of the funeral which my sickness will not suffer me to attend. It is now nine at night; and I am removed into another apartment, that I may not see the light in the church, which is just over against the window of my bedchamber."—Yours, etc.,

"K."

Queen's County, February 4th, 1924.

THE PRICE OF PETROL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Why is petrol here twopence a gallon dearer than in England? I asked one of the companies this question two years ago, and the reply which I got was that they were obliged to recoup themselves for petrol stolen in transit. This cause has long since vanished; yet the additional charge remains. Why? I never saw the force of the reason given, since compensation will be paid to the companies by the Government. When they receive it they will be recouped twice over.—Yours, etc.,

"MOTORIST."

Dublin, February 5th, 1924.

"LIKE LOCUSTS."

Mr. Laurence Brady, of Messrs. Brady and Sons, dealers in antique furniture and works of art, of 5 Upper Liffey street, Dublin, asks us to make it clear that he is not the person who gave evidence at Cavan Quarter Sessions during the hearing of Captain Maxwell's claim for compensation in respect of the destruction of his two mansions, Arley and Fortlands. The case was reported in yesterday's *Irish Times* under the heading "Like Locusts."

Northumberland Education Committee has passed a resolution in favour of the establishment of a horticultural demonstration station and the appointment of an instructor in poultry-keeping, to cost, respectively, £400 and £350 in the first year.

YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

GOLF CLUB SUED.

BOY STRUCK BY A BALL.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd and a City Special Jury.

An action was brought on behalf of Hubert L. Lolitus (10 years), of 24 Valentia parade, North Circular road, Dublin, against the Rathfarnham Golf Club, and Edward J. F. Holland, clerk, 29 Northumberland road, Pembroke, to recover damages for personal injuries.

It was pleaded that the boy was struck in the eye by a golf ball driven by Mr. Holland, who was sued for trespass to the person, and the Golf Club was sued for negligence. Defendants denied the acts alleged, and that they were guilty of any negligence, and pleaded that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence, and that the accident was unavoidable.

Serjeant Hanna, K.C., with whom were Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. E. J. Kelly (instructed by Mr. Charles S. Doyle), on behalf of the plaintiff, said that on Sunday, the 10th June last, the boy was taken by a relative to see some friends who lived in District Council Cottages, on the other side of the river from the Rathfarnham Golf Links. During the day he and two other children went to play, and were watching the golfers. A gentleman gave them three pennies for recovering a ball for him. Afterwards Mr. Holland struck a ball which hit the boy in the eye, while the children were about three feet from the railing which was the boundary of the links. The eye was burst, and the boy had lost the sight of it.

A golf ball, said Serjeant Hanna, was a source of danger owing to its erratic course, and people who laid out a golf course had an obligation upon them to lay it out in such a way that the players, no matter how unskilful, could not do any damage to persons outside the boundary.

In this case the boundary was a wire paling, with fine wire-netting, for about two feet from the ground.

Dealing with the point of law involved, Serjeant Hanna submitted that a player had no more right to drive a ball outside the links than he had to go into his neighbour's garden. The Rathfarnham Club was well known. He understood that it had not such distinguished players as there were in other places, but no matter what the standard of its play was, the club should have laid the course in such a way that no damage could accrue to any person outside.

The ninth tee, from which the ball was driven by Mr. Holland, was close to the boundary fence, and the lie of the green was such that, unless a player was particularly careful, he would drive out of bounds, over the wire, and the ball would go into the river. It would be proved by people living in the labourers' cottages on the other side of the river that the balls frequently went over there, and that the children got pennies from the players for throwing the balls back.

That was a standing inducement to the children to come into a place of danger, to do those acts for the golfers. The law held that nobody was entitled to put anything to attract children which might be a source of danger without taking care that they should not be injured.

Mr. Holland was liable unless the accident was inevitable. If he had looked before he struck the ball he would have seen the children there, and if he played regardless of the children, counsel submitted, he was guilty of negligence.

Mr. Dunlop, who made maps of the links, said that if the players were expert there would be very little danger from playing off the ninth tee, but with ordinary, or not very good players, the tee was a potential source of danger.

It appeared from the evidence in support of the plaintiff's case that the boy was attracted by a golf ball which he saw in the river, picked it up and threw it back to a gentleman on the bank, who gave him some coppers for himself and the little girls with him. When the boy got on to the bank he was struck in the left eye by the ball played by Mr. Holland, and so seriously injured that the eye had to be removed and replaced by a glass eye.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. Dwyer Joyce, who had treated the boy in the hospital, stated that the eye was ruptured and broken and had to be removed. The boy's sight was so much affected by the loss of the eye that he had no sense of distance and would not be able to engage in any skilled work satisfactorily.

Mr. Lynch, K.C., who, with Mr. Swayne, K.C., and Mr. Russell (instructed by Mr. W. V. Seddall), appeared for both defendants, opening the case for the defence, described the position and extent of the golf course. The links were bounded by a railing on the top of the bank which ran down to the river. He pointed out that the club premises extended down to the river, and, perhaps, to the middle of the river. The plaintiff, they submitted, was a trespasser there, and what occurred was an inevitable accident. Under the circumstances he asked his Lordship for a direction on the evidence with regard to the club. There was no negligence alleged against Mr. Holland.

Mr. Justice Dodd declined to give a direction in the case of the club and agreed that Mr. Holland was not charged with negligence. Having given his view of the legal questions involved, he said that he would leave the issues to the jury.

Evidence for the defence was then given, and Mr. Swayne having addressed the jury,

The further hearing was adjourned until this morning.

SALE OF A RACEHORSE.

ORDER FOR DISCOVERY OF DOCUMENTS.

King's Bench Division—Before Mr. Justice Samuels.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor (instructed by Messrs. Brown and McCann) applied on behalf of the plaintiff in the action brought by Edward Kennedy against Gwynne Carr for an order for discovery of documents. The action was brought by the plaintiff, a stud farm owner and breeder of bloodstock, residing at Bishopscourt, Co. Kildare, to recover £750 damages for breach of a contract in the sale to the plaintiff of a three-year-old filly named Ornia in April last, and then described as a horse in training, with her engagements. The defendant resides at Gocean, Killyleagh, Co. Down, and liberty to issue the writ of summons for service out of the jurisdiction was granted by Mr. Justice Dodd on the 11th May. The racehorse died almost immediately after the sale.

The plaintiff alleged that the horse had not been in training for a considerable time, that the description was a misdescription, and that the horse was in very bad health. The horse had been in training in the Free State, and there must have been communications between the trainer and the owner as to its condition. The whole question turned on the point whether there was a misdescription or not, and he (counsel) submitted that the plaintiff was entitled to know the history of the horse before it was sold.

Mr. Justice Samuels granted the order sought.

MOTOR COLLISION.

King's Bench Division—Before Mr. Justice Samuels.

An action was brought by James Corrie, of Galbolie, Co. Cavan, farmer and merchant, against James Martin and Patrick Martin, trading as Martin Bros., both of Shercock, Co. Cavan, motor lorry owners, for the recovery of £200 damages for injuries to plaintiff's motor lorry, sustained by reason of the alleged negligence of the defendants, their agents and servants, in and about the driving, control and management of a motor lorry, the property of the defendants, on the public road at Cavanageeragh, Carrickmacross, on 7th September last.

The defendants denied negligence, and said that the plaintiff, his agent or servant, was guilty of contributory negligence.

Mr. Battersby, K.C., and Mr. Tobias (instructed by Messrs. Cochrane and Co.) appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. Lavery (instructed by Messrs. Phelan and Co.) appeared for the defendants.

Serjeant Hanna and Mr. Dockrell (instructed by Mr. Good) held watching briefs on behalf of an insurance company.

Mr. Justice Samuels, having heard the evidence, found in favour of plaintiff, and gave judgment for £80 and costs.

TRALEE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

In the King's Bench Division, Mr. Justice Samuels granted an application made by Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. John T. Doyle) on behalf of the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, for liberty to mark final judgment against the Tralee Co-operative Society for the sum of £421 7s. 11d., for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiffs to the defendants. Counsel said that there was no affidavit filed, and no appearance on behalf of the defendant Society.

CONSENT WITHHELD.

ACTION AGAINST DROGHEDA CORPORATION.

(Chancery Division—Before the Master of the Rolls.)

The case of Cahill and Co. v. the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Drogheda came on for hearing on a construction summons taken out on behalf of the plaintiffs, for the determination of the question, whether the refusal of the defendants to give their consent to the proposed assignment of the lease, dated 30th December, 1919, of the Linen Hall factory premises, Drogheda, by the plaintiffs to John Gerrard Murphy was an unreasonable withholding of their consent within the meaning of the lease, and for a declaration that, notwithstanding such refusal, the plaintiffs, without any consent from the defendants, were now entitled to assign the premises to John Gerrard Murphy.

It appeared that the plaintiffs, not finding the factory in Drogheda a business success, owing to the conditions prevailing in the country, purchased the much larger and more suitable premises, previously used as a shell factory, in Parkgate street, Dublin, and proposed to assign the Drogheda premises to Mr. Murphy, who intended to use them as a motor repairing and garage establishment.

The defendants, it was stated, had withheld their consent in the interests of the inhabitants of Drogheda, because of the change of character of the business, and loss of employment that would ensue from the transfer.

According to the terms of the lease it was provided that the consent and assignment should not be unreasonably withheld by the defendants; and the main question in the case was whether they had withheld their consent unreasonably.

Mr. Overend, K.C., and Mr. Newett (instructed by Messrs. A. and L. Goodbody) appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., and Mr. Shannon (instructed by Mr. P. Tallan) for the defendants.

It was stated that the premises had been held by the plaintiffs at a rent of £35 per annum, with rates and taxes; that they had spent over £30,000 on the instalment of machinery, and had expended £500 on repairs, and that they left Drogheda with a loss of something like £7,000.

The Master of the Rolls decided in favour of the defendants, with costs. The question in the case was whether the consent to the assignment had been withheld by the Corporation of Drogheda from capricious or improper motives, having regard to the duty cast upon them to look after the interests and welfare of the inhabitants. He could not come to the conclusion that they were acting unreasonably if they thought that the assignment of the factory premises, in which a large number of people had been employed, was to be given to a person who would employ only a few people. He was of opinion that the plaintiffs had failed entirely to prove that the Drogheda Corporation had acted unreasonably, and he directed that the plaintiffs should pay the costs.

DOCTOR'S ACTION.

Before the Lord Chief Justice and a City Special Jury.

The hearing was resumed of the action in which Miss Ethel Timon, medical doctor, of 104 Cabra Park, Dublin, sought to recover damages from the Dublin United Tramways Company for personal injuries and consequential and other loss and damage, caused, as alleged, by the negligence of the defendants their servants and workmen, as the result of which plaintiff, who was travelling on a tramcar from Glasnevin towards Nelson Pillar, on the 16th March last, was struck violently on the head by the upright supporting the trolley pole. The defendants denied negligence.

Mr. Battersby, K.C., Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. James Henry (instructed by Messrs. O'Neill and Collins) appeared for the plaintiff; and Serjeant Hanna, K.C., Mr. Lynch, K.C., and Mr. J. J. Mooney (instructed by Messrs. Casey, Clay and Collins) for the defendants.

Several witnesses were examined, and the further hearing was adjourned.

A DISHONOURED CHEQUE.

Before Mr. Justice Samuels, in the King's Bench Division,

Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr. Michael L. Hearn) applied on behalf of the plaintiff, Charles Strong, of 17 Mountpleasant square, Rathmines, Co. Dublin, for liberty to sign final judgment against the defendant, Norah Gurren, of Brackloon, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, widow, for £50, being the amount of a cheque drawn in favour of the plaintiff by P. Gurren on the Royal Bank of Ireland, North Wall, Dublin, and dated 20th December, 1919.

The cheque was duly presented for payment, but was dishonoured, and the defendant was sued as administratrix of P. Gurren, deceased.

Counsel moved on the affidavit of the plaintiff, who stated that on the 20th December, 1919, in Murray's publichouse, Fleet street, Dublin, P. Gurren requested him to cash a cheque for £50, which he did. He duly lodged the cheque in his bank, and was surprised when it was returned marked "insufficient funds." P. Gurren, when informed about the matter, said

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
JAMES McWHA WILSON, late of Bayview House, Kilroot, in the County of Antrim, Farmer, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30th and 31st Vic., Cap. 54, that the above-named Deceased, who died on the 2nd day of August, 1923, by his Will, dated the 10th day of February, 1911, declared that, in the event of the failure or determination of the trusts concerning Testator's residuary estate, thereinbefore contained in favour of his wife, Isabella Wilson, and the other persons in said Will mentioned, and subject thereto, his Trustees should hold the trust premises constituting the residuary estate, and the income thereof, in trust to pay certain pecuniary legacies, and, amongst others, the following charitable bequests, viz.:—£125 to the Masonic Girls' School, Dublin, and £125 to the Masonic Boys' School, Dublin, and Testator declared that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of such charities should be a sufficient discharge for the same. The said Testator subsequently made two Codicils to his said Will, which did not alter the foregoing bequests, and Probate of his said Will and Codicils was granted to Isabella Wilson, of Bayview House, Kilroot, aforesaid, Widow; Robert Dawson, of Kilroot, aforesaid, Farmer, and James McDowell, of Irish Quarter West, Carrickfergus, in the County of Antrim, Saddler, the Executors in said Will and Codicils named, by the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), on the 15th day of October, 1923.
Dated this 31st day of January, 1924.
JOHNS, ELLIOT and JOHNS, Solicitors for said Executors, 7 Stephen's Green, North, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, and all others whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
MRS. VICTORIA MARIE SMITH, late of 4 Ardevin terrace, Dalkey, County Dublin, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 30 and 31 Victoria, Cap. 54, Section 19, that the said Victoria Marie Smith, by her Will, dated 4th day of October, 1909, made the following Charitable Bequests to be paid out of her pure personalty:—
To the Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack Nursing Association, thirty pounds; to Mrs. Orred, wife of the Recorder of Londonderry, twenty pounds for the Dublin Prison Gate Mission; to the Protestant Home of Rest for the Dying, Camden Row, Dublin, twenty pounds; to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin, twenty pounds; to Miss Fanny Gibson, for the poor, at her discretion, ten pounds. The receipts of the treasurers and secretaries of the said hospitals and nursing association to be a sufficient discharge to her executors.
The Testatrix died on the 6th December, 1923, and Probate of her said Will and four Codicils (which did not affect the above bequests) was granted on the 14th day of September, 1923, forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, to Travers Robert Montgomery Smith, of 15 Kilburn Park, London, M.D., and Walter Richard Hugh Smith, of the County Asylum, Shrewsbury, England, M.D., the two Executors named therein.
Dated this 4th day of February, 1924.
HONE and FALKINER, Solicitors for said Executors, 9 Suffolk street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, and all others concerned.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
EDWARD TENISON COLLINS, late of Fercall, Saint Kevin's Park, Rathmines, in the County of Dublin, Insurance Manager, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35, that all persons having any claim against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 1923, are required, on or before the 15th day of March next, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims to the undermentioned Solicitors for the Executors named in the Will of the Deceased, to whom Probate thereof was granted forth of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, the Principal Probate Registry, on the 4th day of October, 1923. And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 15th day of March, 1924, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which Notice shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1924.
HENRY and SON, Solicitors for said Executors, 11 Molesworth street, Dublin.

Notice of Sitting for Proof of Debts—21.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
KING'S BENCH DIVISION—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
JAMES COSGRAVE, of Mountain View, Churchtown, Dundrum, in the County of Dublin, Dairyman, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting in this matter will be held before the Chief Registrar at the Bankruptcy Buildings, Law Courts, Dublin, on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1924, at the hour of eleven o'clock forenoon, for the proof and admission of debts, and for the vouching of the Official Assignee's account.
A creditor may prove his debt at the sitting, or send his affidavit of debt in the prescribed form or his detailed account to the undernamed Official Assignee four days previously to the sitting in order to have the same admitted.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1924.
W. F. COOPER, Senior Assistant.
A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Bankruptcy Buildings, Law Courts, Dublin.
JOHN H. CALLAN and SONS, Solicitors for the Assignees, 1 Suffolk street, Dublin.

IN THE GOODS OF
LAURENCE MORTON, of 42 Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, in the City of Dublin, Retired Excise Officer, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any interest, claim, or demand against the estate of above deceased, who died on or about the 11th day of September, 1923, are hereby required, on or before the 7th day of March, 1924, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claim or demand to the undersigned solicitors for the Executor, to whom probate was granted forth of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, Principal Registry, on the 25th day of January, 1924. And Notice is Hereby Further Given that on and after the said 7th day of March, 1924, that the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been furnished to them as above required.
Dated this 5th day of February, 1924.
W. J. SHANNON and CO., Solicitors for said Executor, 19 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.

1924—No. 78.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
CHANCERY DIVISION—CHANCERY JUDGE.
THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908.
And in the Matter of
HAMPTON, LEEDOM AND CO., LTD.
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the winding-up of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, was on the 28th day of January, 1924, presented to the said Court by the Munster and Leinster Bank, Limited, Creditors of the said Company.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Chancery Judge on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1924, and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.
Signed—MAXWELL, WELLDON and CO., Solicitors for the Petitioners, 40 North Great George's street, Dublin.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, Notice in writing of his intention to do so. The Notice must state name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post, in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than five o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, the 15th day of February, 1924.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
MARIA McDONNELL, formerly of Lacken, Athleague, Co. Roscommon, and late of 3 Clarinda Park, West, Dun Laoghaire.
All persons having claims against the above Deceased would please forward particulars to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executrix.
ARTHUR COX and CO., Solicitors, 5 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

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EVERYONE WELCOME.
AT 3.30,
MEETING FOR WOMEN ONLY.
Subject—
" MOTHERHOOD AND THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN."

DUBLIN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.
The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has given notice to the Corporation of Dublin of its intention to make an order authorising under Sub-Section 3 of Section 4 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, the supply of electricity in bulk by the Corporation of Dublin to the Pembroke Urban District Council in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated the 17th day of July, 1923, and to the Rathmines and Rathmar Urban District in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated the 29th January, 1924.
Notice is hereby given that any person who desires to lodge an objection to the issue of said Order, or to make any representation thereon, is required to lodge such objection, or make such representation (in writing) to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Power Section), 24 Kildare street, Dublin, within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice.
IGNATIUS JNO. RICE, Law Agent, Dublin Corporation, 4 Harry street, Dublin.
Dated 5th February, 1924. K.A.A.

NOTICE PUBLISHING TIME AND PLACE OF EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT.
DUBLIN UNION.
DISTRICTS OF NEW KILMAINHAM, CLONDALKIN, PALMERSTOWN, AND CRUMLIN, and LUCAN.
Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Audit of the Accounts of Relieving Officer McGuiness, of the above-named Union, for the period ended the 3rd day of January, 1924, will be opened at the Boardroom of the Workhouse of the Union by Professor Mac Bearnaird, Local Government Auditor, on the 12th day of February, 1924, at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m., when and where objections to any matter contained in the said several Accounts will be heard. The Accounts will be open during office hours to the inspection of all persons interested up to the date of audit.
Dated the 5th day of February, 1924.
JOHN P. CONDON, Clerk of the Union.

REGISTRATION CLUB, IRELAND ACT.
Take Notice, I intend to apply for Renewal of Killiney Golf Club Certificate.
M. J. D'ALTON, Secretary.
February 4, 1924.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
ELLEN L. KELLY, late of 50 Waterloo road, Dublin, wife of Alfred Kelly, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Chap. 54, Section 19, that the above Ellen L. Kelly, by her Will, dated the 16th day of July, 1913, made the following Charitable Bequests, expectant upon the death of her husband, William B. Kelly:—(1) To the Convent of Mercy of Castlebar, the sum of £300 towards the funds of the Convent. (2) To said Convent of Mercy the sum of £50, to be applied by them for the relief of the Poor of Castlebar, to be distributed by the Nuns of the said Convent to those they considered most deserving. The Testatrix died on the 31st December, 1920, and Probate of said Will was, on the 17th February, 1921, granted forth of the Ballina District Probate Registry to John Garvey, one of the Executors.
Dated this 1st day of January, 1924.
GARVEY and HUGGARD, Solicitors for the Executor, Ballina, County Mayo, and 19 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.
To the Commissioners, Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all parties concerned.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
PURSUANT to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, made in the Matter of the Estate of SUSANNA MARY LENNANE, late of 88 and 89 Lower Camden street, in the City of Dublin, Married Woman, Deceased, and in a Cause, "NESBITT v. McCARTHY" (1921, No. 96), all persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting the real estate of the said Susanna Mary Lennane, Deceased, who died in or about the month of June, 1916, are, by their Solicitors, to enter and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Chancery Judge, Dublin Castle, Dublin, on or before the 16th day of February, 1924, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every claimant on real estate holding any security is to produce the same before the said Chancery Judge at his Chambers, Dublin Castle, Dublin, on the 7th day of March, 1924, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 4th day of February, 1924.
THOMAS W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.
DANIEL PURCELL, Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, 45 Lower Leeson street, Dublin.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 6, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Mr. Justice Pim opened the Commission for the City and County of Dublin yesterday.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Patrick Collins, the British "Showman M.P.," is willing to pay £300 annual rent for the use of Bray Head in connection with his projected "White City," provided that Sunday entertainments are authorised by the Urban Council.—(Page 5.)

The legality of the recent cut in the national teachers' salaries will be tested in the High Court.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald says that he is in favour of admitting both Russia and Germany to the League of Nations.—(Page 5.)

Several relay wireless broadcasting stations will be opened in Great Britain shortly; this will increase facilities for using crystal sets.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

Mexican Federal troops yesterday occupied the town of Fortin, six miles from Cordoba, after a seven hours' battle with the rebels.—(Page 5.)

A great storm in America is reported.—(Page 5.)

Ex-President Wilson is being buried today.—(Page 5.)

Germany has addressed a stiff Note to France on the Palatinate question.—(Page 5.)

The Indian Government announces that applications will be received till August 1st for licences to operate radio services to provide an Indian link in the Imperial wireless scheme.—(Page 5.)

Sir Richard Squires, the ex-Premier of Newfoundland, has given an emphatic denial to the allegation that he ever received money from the Steel Company for himself or his political organisation.—(Page 6.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets opened strong, then weakened, and finally wound up with an improving tone.—(Page 9.)

Lombard street was badly supplied with loanable credits, and the rate for money ran up to 3½ per cent. Going to the bank was just avoided. The exchanges were erratic, and the dollar sterling rate again declined.—(Page 9.)

Dublin Stock Market was firm. Bank of Ireland rose to 274. Guinness Shares steady, and Oils and Tobaccos strong.—(Page 9.)

The Farmer's Boots.

A letter which we print to-day from Miss Somers, of the Irish Industrial Development Association, gives some very interesting figures concerning the export of boots from Great Britain. According to the December trade returns, 403,788 pairs of finished boots were sent out from British ports, and of this number the Irish Free State absorbed no fewer than 295,896 pairs, to the value of £149,863, whereas the value of the total boot export was only £196,082. Boots were exported also to the United States, China, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland and fifty-two other countries, which, between them, purchased only 107,892 pairs, and, furthermore, paid sevenpence *per* pair less for them than the Irish Free State paid. So far as the boot trade of Britain is concerned, therefore, the Free State market is three times more valuable than all the other markets of the world put together. Miss Somers objects to this condition of affairs, and her letter may be interpreted as a plea for the protection of the Irish boot industry. We can sympathise with her point of view. If we had some good tanneries in the country, and if we killed cattle at home instead of exporting them alive, the natural result would be that a leather industry would develop of its own accord. The artificial establishment of such an industry, however, is quite another matter.

As "Long-Suffering Farmer" reminds us in our correspondence columns to-day, the farming community comprises seventy-five *per cent.* of the Free State's population, and, therefore, we may assume that this class purchases at least sixty *per cent.* of the boots which are sold in the country. What would be the immediate result of protection? The imposition of a tariff would enable native manufacturers to sell their goods at a price which, in the nature of things, would be higher than the world price. That higher price would be paid by the farmer, who earns his purchasing power through the sale of his live stock and his farm produce in the British market. This market, however, is entirely free, and the Free State farmer must contend against the rivalry of Danes, Dutchmen, Swedes, Swiss and various other competitors who are trying to elbow him out of business. The protection of the boot industry in the Free State would increase the farmer's cost of living without any compensating advantage in the shape of better prices for his produce or his beasts. Already, in all conscience, his lot is bad enough. According to our correspondent, he is paying fifty shillings for the carriage of a ton of produce that cost only 12s. 6d. before the war. Previously a bullock's "fare" to England was less than one pound; now it is three pounds. Income tax and all other taxes have risen enormously. In the circumstances, therefore, the farmer has an excellent case against protection in any shape or form.

We have no doubt at all that there is a splendid opening for the boot industry in the Free State; but there are two essential conditions of its success. Prices must be approximately equal to British—or world—prices, and the standard of quality must not be lower than the British standard. We recognise, of course, the difficulty of competition on equal terms with the big British factories which are organised for mass production; and it is obvious that both wages and profits would require to be reduced considerably before any Free State boot firm could hope to secure a hold on the Irish market. If we want a boot industry, however, we must be prepared to pay for it in this way. Good, cheap boots are wanted by the people, and, if they can buy such boots of home manufacture, they will not give their custom to outside firms. In this whole matter we agree with the attitude of Mr. Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, who declares that the farmer must be considered before anybody else, but says quite definitely that, as between Free Trade and Protection, the issue is an issue of expediency. Possibly there are ways and means of encouraging the native boot industry without increasing the price of boots to the purchaser. If such ways and means exist, nobody will have the slightest objection to their employment. At present, however, the unpleasant fact remains that Irishmen can get cheaper boots from England than they can get at home. When the Free State can put a similar article on the market at a reasonable price, protection may be of service.

The Empire Exhibition.

A new city has arisen within an average time-distance of eighteen minutes from one hundred and twenty-six stations in the London area. It is a city of impressive buildings and attractive pleasure grounds, of palaces and lakes, a city without slums. Here the East will meet the West and age-old patterns of architecture will be surrounded by the latest marvels of scientific ingenuity. Its citizens will be drawn from every corner of the globe and its industries from every art known to civilisation. The arts of peace will be practised within walking distance of bloodless battles by sea, land and air. In this wonderland a few minutes will suffice to reveal the tomb of Tutankhamen, the Taj Mahal and the Port of Singapore. The city is the British Empire Exhibition and the postal address is "Wembley." The Exhibition will be the largest and most comprehensive in history. Twenty-one Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies outside the British Isles will be represented. Canada and Australia have secured an area of five and three-quarter acres each, and India one of nearly five acres. The approximate expenditure is estimated at a million dollars in the case of Canada, and two hundred thousand pounds and one hundred and eighty thousand pounds for Australia and India respectively. Bermuda and Fiji are spending four thousand, and Cyprus three thousand, pounds—yet the Irish Free State cannot contemplate the necessary expense. "The little less and what worlds away." There will be two enormous buildings, exhibitions in themselves—the Palace of Engineering and the Palace of Industry. Some idea of their magnitude can be obtained from the fact that chemical products, only one of many exhibits, will occupy forty thousand square feet. Two industries which at present are fighting for their very lives—cotton and rubber—are making a huge effort to advertise their wares. The Government of Northern Ireland has secured one of the most prominent sites in the Palace of Industry and will display the State's principal trades, including shipbuilding, flax, linen and beverages. Food, beverages and tobacco—three products with which the Free State is much concerned—have an area of 43,187 square feet. No branch of the food industry will be unrepresented, and agriculture, fisheries and dairy exhibits will make a brave show. A Palace of Arts will include pictures and sculpture from the United Kingdom and the Overseas Dominions. Besides the Stadium, which is one and a half times the size of the Roman Coliseum, there will be extensive pleasure grounds with varied attractions. The Exhibition will be a noble presentment of the Empire's wealth and power.

Indian Unrest.

Reports of Indian "unrest" fail usually to analyse its causes and tend, therefore, to convey the impression that the unrestful persons are suffering merely from a double dose of original sin. The truth is that in India, as in other countries, political agitation feeds on economic and social discontent. The Special Correspondent of *The Times* at Calcutta has written an article which will give Irishmen in particular an insight into the outstanding fractiousness of the people of Bengal. First, there is the land question. Rents are not high and tenant rights are safeguarded by law; but Bengali landlords do not like country life and prefer to be "absentees." They appoint agents, who appoint sub-agents, who again delegate their duties to others, with the result that sometimes ten persons intervene between landlord and tenant. All of these parasites "squeeze" the poorer tenantry and much hardship prevails. The Indian Government is not to blame, but the fault is put on its broad shoulders, and there is a danger that the next outbreak of "non-co-operation" in Bengal may be complicated by a strike against rents. Such a strike, however, would be double-edged from Mr. Gandhi's point of view, since the landlords, being mostly Swarajists, would suffer heavy loss. Then there is the increase of unemployment among the middle ranks of Bengalis. They belong chiefly to the pathetic class which has received at once too much and too little education. Calcutta University has failed to impose a decent standard, and thousands of its graduates have no prospect of employment. Their rigid caste prejudices prevent them from working with their hands, except as doctors. In business they cannot compete with Europeans or Madrasis. They detest military discipline. Their monopoly of clerkships in Government service outside Bengal has ceased to exist; and usually a large number of relations looks to them for support. Here again the people's woes are attributed to an alien Government, and Mr. Gandhi's supply of revolutionaries is well maintained. Apparently they cannot realise that there is hardly a single one of their social and economic troubles which would not be aggravated by the premature gift of full self-government.

Whiskers.

Six Americans, according to our London Correspondent, have charged themselves with a campaign against the use of whiskers in Europe. He is probably right in his suspicion that their seemingly altruistic errand covers some scheme for the sale of soap or razors; and, in any case, the enthusiasts will have their work "cut out for them." We shall receive them in Dublin with an open mind, not unhopeful that in at least one matter the New World may be able to redress the balance of the Old. We are no faddist: we find a good beard imposing, and well-kept chin-whiskers are always respectable. For the recent infliction of the Spanish side-whisker, however, there is nothing to be said. It is uncomely and un-Irish. It usurps the privilege of age, yet wins nothing more than a fictitious dignity for the cheek of youth. Like most fashions, the Spanish side-whisker in Dublin was a sudden thing, and we fear that the blame for its mushroom growth must be laid at an Irishman's door. When Mr. Rex Ingram contrived that notable film, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," he "featured" Mr. Valentino as the principal character, and this gentleman wore exotic side-whiskers, with which (if we remember rightly) he did not part even in the trenches. Within a week half the youth of Dublin had assumed the aspect of Spanish bull-fighters, and Grafton street blossomed with apocalyptic side-whiskers. The fashion persists, but we hope that it will have vanished before "the first hundred thousand" arrive for the Tailteann Games. Our American visitors will expect to find us kindly Irish of the Irish. Perhaps, indeed, they are subsidising the six missioners to this end.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales has consented to be President of the National Pony Society for the present year. The annual show will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on March 7th and 8th, and the entries already show an increase over last year's totals.

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Princess Helena Victoria will attend a reception organised by the Y.M.C.A., in the Town Hall, Colchester, to-day, and will receive purses in aid of the funds of the Association, in which she takes much interest.

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The Duchess of Norfolk is now convalescent and has left Arundel Castle for London. The Earl of Cromer has recovered from his recent attack of influenza and is staying at Margate. Major-General Seely, M.P., is suffering from tonsilitis. He will remain for some time at his residence in the Isle of Wight, and has been obliged to cancel several engagements.

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Princess Ludwig of Löwenstein-Wertheim has left London for Switzerland. The Earl of Powis and Lady Hermione Herbert have arrived at St. Moritz from Montreux. Mr. Oswald Mosley, M.P., and Lady Cynthia Mosley also are among the visitors at St. Moritz.

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The Countess of Clancarty has left London for the Continent for a few weeks. Lady Emma Crichton left Edinburgh last week for Madeira. The Countess of Pembroke and Lady Stanley have arrived at Cairo for a stay of some weeks.

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The Earl of Meath, accompanied by his daughter, Lady Mary Holt, will leave London to-day for Mentone, where they will remain till the end of the month. Lord and Lady Digby have left for Cannes, where the latest arrivals include the Countess of Gosford and Lord and Lady Airedale. Sir Edward and Lady Philippa Stewart and the Misses Stewart are staying at Cap Martin. The Earl of Bradford has left London for Vernet-les-Bains, for a stay of three weeks.

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The Earl and Countess of Northbrook have arrived in London from Stratton. Lord and Lady Islington have arrived at their London residence from Rushbrook Hall. Lord Castlemaine has returned to The Old House, Wimbledon. Viscountess Boyne has left Yorkshire for London and is in residence at Belgrave House. The Earl and Countess of Dufmore are now settled in their new house in Hyde Park Gardens. Viscountess Sandhurst is expected in London to-day from Worplesdon.

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PALATINATE CHAOS.

GERMAN NOTE.

NEW DEMANDS TO FRANCE.

"NEARING ANARCHY."

MORE TERRORISM BY SEPARATISTS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Herr von Hoesch, who now becomes German Ambassador here, returned to Paris last night, and the Note of his Government protesting against the attitude of the French authorities in the Palatinate was handed to the *Quai D'Orsay* this morning.

It calls upon the French Government to rid the population of the Separatist element; to restore the German authorities to power; to authorise the return of persons expelled; and to abstain for the future from all interference in the domestic and political affairs of Germany, or from giving support, direct or indirect, to influences hostile to German authority.

The imperative tone adopted by the Berlin Government is new in such communications.

The question is asked here whether it is desired to contribute an element of discord into the Palatinate negotiations between France and England, or simply to take advantage of a favourable moment to ask for concessions.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

COLOGNE, Tuesday.

The League of Palatinate officials is reported to have despatched a Note to the High Commission protesting against statements in the French Press to the effect that officials in the Palatinate have either evacuated their posts voluntarily or have fled to unoccupied territory.

It declares that all officials are willing to resume work in collaboration with the occupation authorities as soon as the Separatists have been removed and when the clauses of the Rhineland agreement are adhered to.

Messages from the Palatinate report that conditions are rapidly becoming anarchial. At Pirmasens unemployed and shady characters, wearing red armlets, have occupied the Town Hall, under Separatist leaders. There are no funds left to pay the unemployed dole. German officials who have been imprisoned by the Separatists complained to the French District Commissioner, who replied that he was powerless, as he had only 50 soldiers at his disposal.

At Goellheim and Mannheim, Separatists arrested and disarmed all members of the police force.

From Gernersheim, it is reported that "Strafe"—punitive expeditions—organised by the Separatists are ravaging the district, levying fines for trumped-up charges on account of anti-Separatist action on the part of the population.

TWO MEN SHOT DEAD.

COLOGNE, Tuesday.

A message from Speyer says that the Separatists there arrested and decided to expel a workman named Herbert in consequence of certain disparaging remarks which he had made about them. While passing through a narrow lane, Herbert tried to climb the wall and escape, whereupon he was placed against a tree and shot dead. The enraged population gathered in the streets, but were forcibly dispersed by the Separatists, another inhabitant being shot in the *mêlee*.—(Reuter.)

COLOGNE, Tuesday, Later.

The Separatists have evacuated the District Board office at Mayence.—(Reuter.)

OFFICIAL STABBED.

BRUSSELS, Tuesday.

News has just been received here of an assault committed on M. Beck, a Belgian official attached to the Army of Occupation at Sterkrade (Rhineland), on Sunday night.

M. Beck was attacked by three miners, who stabbed him about the head, face and hands. His condition is reported to be very serious. His aggressors were arrested last night and taken to Duisburg Prison.—(*Times* telegram.)

FRENCH VIEW.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

A semi-official statement issued here says that exchanges of views were continued to-day between Great Britain and France with regard to the situation in the Palatinate, by Sir Eric Phipps, British *Chargé d'Affaires* in Paris, and M. Peretti Della Rocca, Director of Political Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is hoped that a solution of this question is now in sight, and order appears to have been already re-established in the Palatinate, while the safety of the occupation troops does not appear to be any longer at stake.

As the Separatist Government has not been recognised, a return to the former state of affairs may be expected, and the Germans who were driven out by the Separatists, or who had fled as a result of their attacks, can now return to the Palatinate.

The only Germans who will need permission to return are those officials who were expelled by order of the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission.—(Reuter.)

BAVARIAN MOVES.

MONARCHISTS AGAIN ACTIVE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MUNICH, Tuesday.

The German Monarchist headquarters in Bavaria have issued an appeal to the German people, calling for the overthrow of the present Government, and substituting a Government under the old Monarchist Constitution.

The announcement has apparently caused no surprise, for during the last fortnight there has been much talk of a Monarchist "Putsch." When Ludendorff and Erhardt buried the hatchet recently, it was anticipated that the united movement would make demands on the National Government, and possibly try to back these demands with arms.

Assurances have been given to Berlin, however, that the Bavarian Reichswehr is loyal, and that no immediate developments are expected.

MR. HUGHES AGAIN.

CRITICISM OF BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

SYDNEY, Tuesday.

Mr. Hughes, ex-Prime Minister, speaking here to-day, said that the British foreign policy had changed within the last few months, without the direct authority of the British electors.

There was now, he declared, a different policy towards France and Russia, and there would probably be another policy towards Italy and other countries.

That policy would express the opinion of four and a half million, out of twenty-three million people. Australia was a portion of the Empire, but had absolutely no voice in determining the new policy.—(Reuter.)

CAR AND PASSENGERS SUBMERGED.

COBLENCE, Tuesday.

On Sunday night, when passing through Hirzenbach, near St. Goar, a motor car ran down a steep incline into the Rhine, and disappeared, neither driver nor passengers being seen again. Portions of the car were recovered.—(Reuter.)

MEXICAN REBELS GIVING WAY.

TOWN LOST AFTER SEVEN HOURS' BATTLE.

EVACUATION OF VERA CRUZ REPORTED.

MEXICO CITY, Tuesday.

The Mexican Government troops yesterday occupied the town of Fortin, which is situated six miles from Cordoba. In the seven hours' battle which preceded the occupation the Federal cavalry attacked the rebels on both flanks, and severed their communications.—(Reuter.)

HUERTA ON THE RUN?

General Huerta, the Mexican rebel leader, and his staff have left Vera Cruz on a steamer for an unknown destination, states a Reuter's New York message. The rebel troops are stated to have evacuated Vera Cruz.

The latest advices from Mexico City indicate that President Obregon's troops are within five miles of Cordoba.

The port of Vera Cruz was General Huerta's headquarters, and, together with the surrounding districts, has been in the complete control of the revolutionaries since the inception of their movement.

CATTLE DISEASE.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has decided to appoint a small Committee to examine into the circumstances of the recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, to review and report upon the slaughter policy, and the procedure adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Committee is also to advise whether any further precautions should be taken to guard against the introduction and spread of the disease, and to consider whether a scheme of insurance can be devised as an alternative to the existing system of compensation for slaughtered animals.

With regard to the question of scientific investigation, the Minister is awaiting the report of Sir William Leishman, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., who was invited by the late Government to consider the problem, and to advise as to what further scientific investigations and experiments might usefully be undertaken.

HAY AND STRAW MENACE.

Earl Beauchamp was elected Vice-Chairman of the Central and Associated Chamber of Agriculture at a meeting held in London yesterday. The Business Committee recommended that in connection with foot-and-mouth disease the Ministry of Agriculture should be requested either to prohibit the landing in Great Britain of hay or straw used for packing goods coming from abroad, or to provide that all such packing shall be burned at the port of landing. Lord Strathie placed the proposal before the Chamber, and it was unanimously adopted. The discussion closed with a general appreciation of the way in which the Ministry of Agriculture had acted during a very difficult and trying time.

"THE NEW CHICAGO."

JEWISH COLONY FOR PALESTINE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

A colony to be established in Palestine, and to be called Chicago, is being projected by Chicago Jews. It is planned to raise two million dollars for the project. The money would be raised under the Chicago Palestine Foundation Fund, and the Zionist Central Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Max Shulman and Dr. S. Melamed, editor of the *Jewish Courier*. The colony is to be laid out as an agricultural community, and will have a population to start with of approximately 5,000, all Chicagoans. If the plans contemplated are carried out the "New Chicago" will not only be a model agricultural settlement, but will be the largest colony in Palestine.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

GUNSMITH'S STORES BLOW UP IN RUSSIAN CITY.

RIGA, Tuesday.

According to advices from Kharkoff, a great explosion occurred on February 1 at a gunsmith's stores in the centre of the city, where the Ukrainian Food Commisariat, the Grain Trust and other institutions are situated. There was a scene of wild panic in the building, and a number of people jumped from the upper storeys into the streets.

Many persons were killed, and fifty injured. So far, nine charred bodies have been removed from the débris. All the windows within a radius of four hundred yards were shattered. The loss is estimated at many hundred thousand gold roubles.—(Reuter.)

OIL TANKER ON FIRE.

BELFAST PILOT CUTTER TO THE RESCUE.

Lloyd's agent at Belfast telegraphed yesterday:—The Dutch motor oil tank Hera, which left this port this morning for Barrow, light, took fire at Rockport, below Cultra, in Belfast Lough. The captain let go both anchors, and the steamer is now reported to be in flames. Four of the crew were badly burned, and were taken on board a pilot cutter. They were taken to Belfast and removed to hospital. The captain is standing by the vessel in a small boat. A tug is being despatched to the Hera's assistance.

Our Belfast Correspondent says that the Hera discharged a cargo of motor spirit at the oil wharf, Belfast, and loaded empty petrol tins. The vessel put to sea yesterday afternoon, and shortly afterwards was seen to be on fire.

The pilot cutter Edith Williames steamed alongside and took off the crew. Four men had to pass through the flames from the hold to the deck, and were badly burned. Their names are given as Charles Baunting, A. Acherberg, Lee Oug Ka, and Tong Karie. They were taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Eleven other members of the crew—Chinese, Dutch and Japanese—were accommodated in the Sailors' Home, Corporation street.

The vessel grounded later between Craigavad and Grey Point.

The Hera, 538 tons gross, was built at Dordrecht in 1915, and is owned at Gravenhage. The vessel is a regular trader to and from Belfast.

FIRE ON FREE STATE PATROL BOAT.

Fire broke out early yesterday morning on the Free State patrol boat John S. Summers. The interior accommodation was burned out and extensive damage was done in the engine-room and to the hull. The fire raged fiercely for some hours before being extinguished by the Haulbowline Fire Brigade.

The vessel had been lying in Haulbowline Dockyard for some weeks.

M. ANATOLE FRANCE'S ILLNESS.

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Anatole France, who had a heart attack on Monday, and whose condition was said to be very weak, is better, and his friends state that there is no cause for alarm.

According to the *Temps*, M. Anatole France has received a letter, couched in very cordial terms, from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, inquiring after his health.—(Reuter.)

AMERICAN MINE FLOODED.

FEARED LOSS OF FORTY LIVES.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA, Tuesday.

It is feared forty men have perished through the flooding of the Manganese Ore Mine, near Crosby, this evening.

The roof of one of the workings caved in, and a flood of water from a lake above filled the mine completely in ten minutes.—(Reuter.)

BRAY AMUSEMENTS.

MR. COLLINS'S WHITE CITY SCHEME.

At Bray Urban Council meeting last night—Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chairman, presiding—a report of the Esplanade Committee stated that the solicitor for Mr. Patrick Collins, M.P., had informed them that it was the desire of Mr. Collins that the lease of Bray Head for the White City be made out to a company, and that entertainments be allowed on Sundays. Mr. Collins agreed to the increase of rent from £100 to £300 per annum, provided that the Council conceded the point in regard to Sunday entertainments.

The solicitor to the Council submitted a report, stating that he would advise the Council to grant the lease of the Head to a company, provided that the Council were assured of the company's solvency. If the Council saw no objection, he did not think it unreasonable to carry on amusements on Sundays.

The Council adopted the report of the Committee recomending that the lease be granted to a company, and decided that the question of allowing the Park to be opened on Sundays should be referred to a plebiscite of the Parliamentary voters of the township.

On the motion of Mr. Heatley, seconded by Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. David Frame, who made grant of a portion of Bray Head to the Council, was co-opted a member of the Council, in room of the late Mr. John Plunkett.

REAL FILM DRAMA.

LIONESS KILLS ACTOR.

ROME, Tuesday.

According to the *Tribuna*, during the filming of *Qua Vadis* by a local film company, a lioness jumped a twelve-foot barrier in the studio, and alighted in the midst of a crowd of horror-stricken supers.

The lioness dragged one of them—a man of fifty—into the enclosure, and mauled him horribly before it could be driven off. The man died instantly as a result of his injuries.—(Reuter.)

Later.

From further details of the tragedy, it appears that the scene which was being filmed at the time involved some 50 supers and 20 lions. The rehearsal had gone off without accident. During the second attempt, however, a lioness sprang out of the open top of her cage and leaped over the balustrade, where a few of the supers were standing, and knocked down her victim with a blow on the back of the neck.

Scenes of indescribable panic followed.

The trainer and some of the assistants drove the animal off, and eventually succeeded in getting her back into her cage. The man died on the way to hospital. An official inquiry is being made into the affair.—(Reuter.)

PURELY UNOFFICIAL.

HUNGARIAN SOCIALISTS' LONDON VISIT.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Reports have appeared in sections of the British and foreign Press that certain leaders of the Hungarian Socialist Party have been invited to London to discuss the present position in Hungary with Mr. Ramsay Macdonald. I am officially informed that these reports are without foundation, and that no such invitation has been issued, either directly or indirectly.

The Socialist leaders who are coming to London at the end of this week are Messrs. Peidl and Garami. Mr. Peidl, who is at the moment in Vienna, has declared that his visit to London is the beginning of a close contact with the Labour Parties of both countries, and that he is anxious to inform the British Government of the conditions of affairs in Hungary and of the demands of his party for the restoration of normal conditions in political and economic life.

It may be recalled that Count Bethlen, the Hungarian Premier, was in London a fortnight or so ago.

DISARMAMENT.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE CONFERENCE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Tuesday.

The United States Government has made an important move in sending Mr. Joseph C. Grew, American Minister to Switzerland, to Geneva to represent the American Government at the League of Nations Disarmament Conference. Heretofore the United States has only participated in the League's activities in the continuation of works which already existed before the war, such as curbing the white slave traffic, the traffic in drugs, and the codification of international health rules. To-day the American delegate pledges Washington's support to the League measure—initiated by Geneva and carried on by the League members—heretofore believed consistently by the various meetings of the Disarmament Commission, which the United States has steadfastly refused to recognise on the ground that the European Powers could not restrict the traffic in arms and ammunition so long as America refused to join them.

Mr. Grew has given an assurance to the Committee that the Washington Administration will give full consideration to the securing of the necessary legislation to enforce restrictions on the manufacture and sale of munitions of war. "I have been instructed to attend the meetings of this Committee," Mr. Grew said, "in accordance with the invitation extended to my Government last December, for the purpose of being fully advised as to any proposals which may be made, and partly to receive information respecting any draft conventions which may be considered by the Commission. While I have no authority to bind the Government of the United States, and while I am not here as a technical expert, I shall be happy to transmit promptly to my Government any recommendations which may be formulated by the Commission, and to say that in case any appropriate plan is devised, the question of securing the necessary legislation will have full and proper consideration.

GERMANS BUY FRENCH WINES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

An outcry is being made against the large purchases by German merchants of fine French wines. It is estimated that since the beginning of the year wine to the value of 35 million francs has been bought in the Bordeaux region.

The Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce has drawn the attention of the Government, and also of the Inter-Allied experts' committees, to the matter as affording evidence of the large resources possessed by Germany in foreign currency.

TANGIER CONVENTION.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The two Spanish Plenipotentiaries who are to sign the Convention relative to the *status* of Tangier arrived here this evening.—(Reuter.)

TEACHER'S ACTION:

LEGALITY OF THE "CUT" TO BE TESTED.

THE WRIT ISSUED.

The national teachers in the Free State have decided to put to the legal test their claim that they are outside the swing of the Government's economy "axe."

A 10 per cent. reduction in their salaries was made in December last, despite the protest of the teachers that they were paid on the award of an arbitration in 1920, and that this award constituted a legal agreement binding on both parties. A writ has been served to get the decision of the High Court on this point.

The plaintiff in the test case is Mr. Martin Leyden, teacher, of Ivy Cottage, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, and the defendants cited are the Attorney-General, the Minister for Education, Messrs. Padraig O Brolcain, Seosamh O'Neill, and the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

The plaintiff's claim is (1) for a declaration that the Order No. 10, dated 16th August, 1923, is illegal, unauthorised, *ultra vires*, and void; (2) that the establishment by this Order of National Education Commissioners is illegal and of no effect; (3) that the decision of the Civil Service Arbitration Board, dated 29th November, 1920, the terms of which are embodied in the circular issued by the Commissioners of National Education in December, 1920, is binding upon the Commissioners; (4) that the plaintiff is entitled to be paid salary calculated in accordance with the scale fixed by the said decision.

The defendants, Messrs. O Brolcain and O'Neill, are sued as claiming to be National Education Commissioners appointed under the Order of 16th August, 1923.

Mr. Sean O hUadhaigh is solicitor for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gerald FitzGibbon, K.C., and James Cawley have been retained as his counsel.

RELAY BROADCASTING STATIONS.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE OF CRYSTAL SETS.

Facilities for owners of crystal sets living in remote places to "listen in" to broadcast programmes will be considerably extended by new relay stations, of which the first will be ready at Plymouth in about six weeks.

The British Broadcasting Company will then open one at Edinburgh, another at Liverpool, and a fourth between Bradford and Leeds. Hull will probably get the next.

At present the programmes broadcast from the eight existing stations are beyond the

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range of crystal sets outside a certain radius of each, though they can be picked up by valve sets. The new stations will act as local distributing centres for the regular programmes, and about once a week local talent will provide special features.

IMPERIAL WIRELESS.

PLANS FOR THE INDIAN LINK.

The High Commissioner for India states that the following *communiqué* was published yesterday by the Government of India:—

The Government of India are prepared to enter into an agreement, and to grant licences to private enterprises in India, for the establishment and operation of the necessary radio service to provide the Indian link in the Imperial wireless scheme, and also commercial radio communication with other parts of the world.

Applications will be accepted up to August 1 next, and successful applicants will be required to register a company in India, at least 60 per cent. of the capital of which must be offered in India.

Direct communication with the United Kingdom or South Africa, on the one hand, and Australia or Canada on the other, must be guaranteed.

DISPUTED IRISH FUNDS.

MR. FINERTY'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Finerty, who left Ireland last evening to sail on the Berengaria, made the following statement:—

"After conference, by cable, with my associates in New York, Mr. Martin Conroy and Mr. Frank P. Walsh, I am, at their suggestion, returning to America to ask the Court for further relief under the terms of Justice Wagner's order.

"This action is necessitated by what my associates and I consider hindrance and interference by the Free State with the carrying out of that order and of the Commission issued for the taking of the depositions of Eamon de Valera, Austin Stack and others. It is our position that the action of the Free State in refusing to produce Eamon de Valera and Austin Stack before the American Consul at the American Consulate or other agreed venue for the purpose of taking their testimony is a violation of the letter and spirit of the Court's order.

"It, of course, would not be proper for me to suggest at this time what action the Court may deem appropriate."

TEACHER'S DISMISSAL.

BREEZE AT LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

A lively discussion took place at the meeting of the London County Council yesterday, when the Education Committee reported that various branches of the Labour Party and the Poplar No. 4 Group of Managers had written asking for re-consideration of the case of Miss M. R. Killen, late assistant mistress in a Whitechapel school, with a view to her reinstatement. Miss Killen received compensation from the Government as one of a large number of people who were deported to Ireland.

The Committee now said that there was no reason for any departure from the Council's decision in December last.

Mr. C. J. Kelly moved to refer the recommendation back to the Committee, and Dr. Randle, in seconding, said that Miss Killen had been the subject of deliberate persecution on account of her personal views. There was no suggestion that she was not a good teacher.

Mr. E. M. Dence, for the Education Committee, said that they had many thousands of teachers, but never had one been victimised on account of the views he or she held. If the parents complained the teachers had to go before the Committee, who, if satisfied as to a complaint, had to see that discipline was enforced.

Mr. Campbell Johnston said that he was surprised that members of the Labour Party should venture to associate themselves with the case of the lady. She was believed to be a member of the Roger Casement Society, which was a body of traitors. (Cries of "Order.") It would be a scandal if persons holding such views were to be teachers of London children.

Mr. C. E. Summer said that the Irish had been attacked and crucified by the British Government. ("Oh! oh!") There seemed to be laws for everybody except the London County Council. He had been five years on the Council, and he did not care if he never came there.

Only nineteen voted for the amendment, which was lost, the recommendation being agreed to.

BALTINGLASS BANK RAID.

Jack O'Beirne and Daniel Hegarty, who were arrested on suspicion in connection with the bank robbery at Baltinglass, the wounding of the bank manager, and the murder of Civic Guard O'Halloran, will be brought up on remand at Drumcondra District Court on Monday next.

U. S. TRIBUTE TO MR. WILSON.

SCHOOLS, STORES, AND BANKS TO CLOSE.

SIMPLE FUNERAL TO-DAY.

NO MOURNING AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

With the family arranging to hold only a brief private service for Mr. Wilson, the American nation is planning to halt all industry and business during the hour of the funeral at three o'clock to-morrow.

Stock exchanges, banks, stores, and schools will be at a standstill during the period. Federal offices may be unable to shut down owing to the law prohibiting the closing of such departments for unofficial events, although President Coolidge may find a way to sign the proclamation already drafted.

The announcement of the simplicity of the funeral, and the selection of a cathedral as the resting place for the ex-President, while disappointing to thousands wishing to make the Services a great testimonial, has brought a favourable reaction approving the sentiment that Mr. Wilson lived simply, died simply, and wanted to be buried simply.

The only official link between Citizen Wilson and the Government will be twenty-four soldiers, sailors and marines, serving as active pall bearers, and as guard.

The honorary pall bearers will comprise members of the former Wilson Cabinet and United States Senators and Representatives.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

Mr. Chilton, the British *Chargé d'Affaires*, to-day conveyed to Mrs. Wilson the following message of condolence from His Majesty King George:—

"The Queen and I have heard with deepest regret of your terrible bereavement, and hasten to assure you of our heartfelt sympathy. We shall never forget the hours which you and your husband spent as our guests on your way to the Peace Conference, where the part played by Mr. Wilson on behalf of a just and lasting peace will for ever be remembered by the peoples of the British Empire."

Mr. Chilton also communicated to the State Department a message from the British Government to the United States Government, to the effect that the United States has lost a "great servant to humanity."—(Reuter.)

NO GERMAN MOURNING.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

According to a Washington message, the German Embassy has, by direction of the German Government, refrained from any display of mourning for Mr. Wilson. No flag has been flown over the Embassy at any time since the ex-President's death, although the other Embassies and Legations have had their colours at half-mast since the official notification of Mr. Wilson's death was received. The explanation issued at the Embassy was that Germany considered Mr. Wilson a private citizen at the time of his death.—(Reuter.)

DEARER PETROL.

COLONEL JARROTT'S VIEW OF THE RISE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Jarrott, one of the foremost men in the motor industry, and for many years the leading British racing motorist, to-night gave his views on the rise in petrol.

"No attempt is made by motorists to help themselves out of their troubles in this direction. In September, 1922, on the occasion of the drop in the price of petrol from 2s. to 1s. 8½d. per gallon, a number of firms had sprung into existence who were seriously undercutting the prices of the petrol 'ring,' with the result that in those districts where transport facilities were easy (i.e., particularly within a 50 miles radius of London) a tremendous volume of business was secured by those outside firms, to the serious discomposure of the monopolist group.

"I personally had no doubt that the cut then made by the latter, and the further cut to 1s. 6½d. in September last, were both made with one object—viz., to put all the outside firms out of business—and when this had been achieved up would go the price again.

"The cuts involved the outside companies in such serious losses that, with certain exceptions, they gave up competing, with the result that—as I predicted—the price has started to soar again, and there is nothing to stop it soaring still higher.

"If those interested in the use of motor vehicles—pleasure and business—would only appreciate that the way to kill price increase is to encourage keen competition, they would be helping their future position. Do not buy spirit from the firms who are working under a price-maintenance arrangement."

OUTLOOK IN SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

SIR A. M. KENNEDY'S VIEWS.

Sir A. M. Kennedy, director of the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company, speaking at a lunch at Jarrow yesterday, said that, while shipowners and shipbuilders hesitated to indulge in prophecy, there was a more hopeful feeling prevailing in industrial and commercial circles. If the country was to regain and maintain its old place, deliberate action and sound thinking were necessary on the part of employers and workers. It was much too early to assume that America would not seriously re-enter the market when conditions improved. We could not put our heads in the air and dismiss foreign challenges.

Mr. C. Ratcliffe, shipowner, Cardiff, said that he could not see any hope of improvement until costs were reduced.

BIRTH CONTROL.

BISHOP ON THE EXAMPLE OF FRANCE.

The Bishop of Exeter, speaking on birth control at Cambridge Union last night, said that the problem was one hundred years old. France accepted the teachings of Malthus, and what was France to-day? She had to go to Italy for her workers; she could not gather her vintages without Spaniards, and required men of colour to fight her battles if she was to be saved from the Germans. The intellect of France was getting less and less. Perhaps that accounted for the French action in the Ruhr.

A motion "That, in the opinion of this House, the wider applications of birth control would contribute a major remedy of the social evil of to-day," supported by Lord Dawson of Penn, and opposed by the Bishop of Exeter, was carried by 479 votes to 256.

DEATH OF SIR JAMES M'GRIGOR.

The death occurred at Camberley on Monday of Sir James McGrigor, Bart., for many years senior partner in the late firm of Sir Charles R. McGrigor, Bart., and Company, Army agents and bankers. Sir James was in his sixty-seventh year. He had been ill for some time, and was unable to appear in the liquidation proceedings in connection with the firm.

QUARREL LEADS TO MURDER.

DUSSELDORF, Tuesday.

During a quarrel between two hotel cooks, one of them, who was carving meat, plunged his carving knife straight through the other's heart. It is alleged that he was infuriated by continued taunts and gibes.—(Reuter.)

GERMANY & LEAGUE

BRITISH PREMIER'S VIEW.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, in a special interview which appears to-day in the *Daily Dispatch*, Manchester, claims that the present is not a business man's Government, but, certainly, a business Government.

The recognition of Russia, he declares, is absolute. There is no quibble about it. As to the term *de jure* recognition, he objects to language that cannot be understood by the man in the street, to whom Russia is either recognised or unrecognised. But as the Soviets attach importance to the phrase, he was willing to subscribe to it. Russia and Germany ought to enter the League.

"There will be difficulty in the case of Russia, but Germany's inclusion must be insisted upon."

Discussing Britain's relations with the French Government, he expressed the view that the hesitating and negative attitude of the British Government had been mainly responsible for past misunderstandings. "All that has gone," he declared. "Great Britain will no longer be content to sit by and watch events, and the result of this new attitude seems to be succeeding beyond expectation."

He ridiculed the gloomy prognostics of falling securities when Labour took power. Securities are now going up, and the business world is looking forward with relief to a period of stability.

GERMAN MONEY ABROAD

EXPERTS DENY REPORTS OF FAILURE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

The second Committee of experts, headed by Mr. R. McKenna, is arranging to leave Berlin on Friday.

Reports published in London alleging that the Committee has failed owing to the silence observed here on the subject of German capital sent out of the country find no confirmation among the experts themselves, who emphatically deny that there has been any friction with, or reserve on the part of, the German Government or the banks.

AMUNDSEN'S POLAR EXPEDITION.

NORWEGIAN HELP REFUSED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.

It is rumoured here that the Norwegian Government has refused to support Amundsen in his North Pole Expedition so long as he is accompanied by foreigners such as Hakon Hammer and other Danes and Americans. The Norse Government, it is reported here, has refused to issue stamps for Amundsen's North Pole Post, and the Danish Government is to be asked to undertake the issue.

According to wireless messages received here, Amundsen's ship Maud has been driven the last two months towards the hitherto uncharted Siberian Islands, and the fear is expressed that she may be wrecked on these islands. In any case, the drift of the Maud appears to prove that the famous Polar stream of Nansen does not exist as a constant stream.

NORWAY AND RUSSIA.

QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CHRISTIANIA, Tuesday.

The question of Norway's recognition of Russia is under consideration here, and the Russian delegation circles state that such recognition is to be announced almost immediately. Apart from the greater economic advantages which Norway hopes to gain by recognition, she is looking for reparations for damages to Norwegian property in Russia; and also for the recognition of Spitzbergen by Russia, as Norwegian territory. Norwegian private claims on Russia amount to 220,000,000 crowns.

GANDHI'S RELEASE.

EFFECT ON INDIAN OPINION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The release of Gandhi has had a marked effect on political feeling throughout India, especially in Nationalist circles. The Swarajists have arranged to hold demonstrations all over the country to celebrate the victory. They are loudly proclaiming that it is the first time for many years that the Government has truly responded to the nation's feelings.

In the opinion of the Moderates this example of the Government's clemency ought to result in the Nationalist campaign being conducted without virulent abuse of British administration. There is much speculation regarding Gandhi's future; whether he will support the Swarajists, who entered the Councils despite his advice; also as to whether in future he will carry on his propaganda within the limits of the law.

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Gandhi's unconditional release has been acclaimed by the Press, extremist, moderate, and Anglo-Indian alike, as an act of generosity on the part of the Bombay Government, and especially of Sir Leslie Wilson.

While the Anglo-Indian papers express the hope that the policy of conciliation inaugurated by this release will succeed, Indian extremist papers declare their expectation of a furtherance of the policy by the taking of immediate steps for the revision of the Constitution.

Mr. Gandhi has decided to remain in hospital at least for a fortnight.—(Reuter.)

CONFERENCE ASKED FOR.

DELHI, Tuesday.

The demands of the Swarajists for a further constitutional advance are now reduced to a request for a round table Conference to discuss measures for the establishment of a responsible Government. A resolution to this effect will come on for discussion on Friday next, and it is intended to give the Government a month in which to agree to the proposal.

Should the Government not consent, the Swarajists propose to secure 72 of the 143 votes in the House, with a view to refusing to vote supplies, and to adopting a policy of continuous obstruction during the discussions on the Budget in March next.—(Reuter.)

INDIAN ARMY.

EXPANDING THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

DELHI, Tuesday.

General Lord Rawlinson, the Commander-in-Chief, accepted an important resolution in the Legislative Assembly to-day for the appointment of a committee to recommend the improvement and expansion of the territorial force, and the removal of the distinctions between it and the auxiliary force, which is manned exclusively by British subjects in India.

The Pundit Malaviya, who moved the resolution, urged that British officers should prepare Indians to man the defences of their country, and as soon as possible hand over the administration of defence to Indians.

Lord Rawlinson said that he welcomed co-operation to introduce a territorial force scheme, but denied that any racial considerations made necessary a difference between the two non-regular forces.—(Reuter.)

U.S. OIL SCANDAL.

INJUNCTION PROBABLE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

It is announced that the Government Special Counsel will institute injunction proceedings to prevent the further extraction of oil from the leased naval oil lands of the Teapot Dome and Elkhill, as soon as President Coolidge signs the Walsh resolution recently adopted by Congress setting forth that the leasing of naval oil reserves was illegal and should be cancelled.—(Reuter.)

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

THE RESIGNATION OF M. VENIZELOS.

GREEK SITUATION.

The Times observes in a leading article:—Greek politics are still following a very uncertain course. M. Venizelos, after a brief tenure of office as Prime Minister, has had to resign owing to ill-health. The hopes that were placed in him when, at a critical moment, he decided to return to Greece, have fallen short of fulfilment. He has been unable to control the restless elements. It is greatly to be regretted that his physical strength has proved unequal to a burden which would be inordinately heavy for the strongest of men; but it seems doubtful now whether he could have effected very much, even if he had been in perfect health. In ability he stands head and shoulders above other Greek politicians; but the Greece of to-day is very different from the Greece in which he achieved distinction. During his long absence the country has borne heavy blows, and has touched the depths of national tragedy. Other men have taken the direction of affairs, and by stern and energetic measures have tried to save what could be saved. The old controversies remain. They are tinged with a new bitterness, while fresh dissensions cut across them, making new lines of cleavage.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

Telegraphing from Paris last night, *The Times* Correspondent states:—In financial circles here approval is expressed of the principle of abolishing the budget of recoverable expenditure (which deals with the restoration of the liberated regions), and there is increasing recognition of the urgent necessity of balancing accounts. In a circular sent out by an important bank it is stated that the attempt to cover all the permanent obligations of the special budget by permanent resources entirely alters the financial situation. Only exceptional temporary expenditure—which may be regarded chiefly as capital expenditure—will remain to be covered by loans.

The financial outlook, in short, is held to have greatly improved, while industrially and commercially the outlook is declared never to have been better than at present. Nevertheless, it is contended that the Poincaré experiment has lasted long enough. M. Poincaré will be wrong if he does not now endeavour to come to an agreement with Mr. Macdonald, and accept satisfactory arrangements for subsequent German payments, I was told to-day by a French banker—and this expresses a widespread feeling in political, as well as financial, quarters. There are, indeed, symptoms of a desire to obtain the best terms possible at no distant date, but much depends on the attitude of Germany—which is considered to show signs of aggressiveness at the advent of a Labour Government in Great Britain—and on M. Poincaré himself, who may not yet judge the moment opportune for a change of methods.

REPARATIONS.

SECOND COMMITTEE AND THE BANKS.

It seems possible that both Committees of Experts set up by the Réparation Commission may leave Berlin by the end of this week, telegraphs the Berlin Correspondent of *The Times*. The Second Committee (which deals with German capital abroad) has definitely fixed the date of its departure for Friday. The expert accountants attached to it will remain in Berlin, and will continue their work of compiling, with the help of the banks, statistics of the holdings in foreign banks on German account. This material will be forwarded to the Committee in Paris, where the members will probably meet again to investigate it at the end of the week. The First Committee (stabilisation and currency) is also considering the possibility of leaving this week. It also has applied for a quantity of information from the German Government, which will not be ready for some days, and there is little point in the members waiting for it in Berlin.

The news of the Committee's decision to leave has given rise to rumours that difficulties had been placed in its way by the German Government, and the banks, and that it had been unable to get much of the information required. The Second Committee, to whose work these reports particularly referred, has issued a categorical denial, in which it is stated that it has received every assistance, both from the Government and the banks. It adds that in the statements of figures made by the banks, which have been furnished voluntarily, the names of individual foreign customers have neither been asked for nor disclosed. It has not been necessary for the Committee to make any inquiries contrary to the best banking ethics.

SUMMER TIME.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD'S BILL.

The Times, commenting upon the fact that on April 11 Sir Kingsley Wood, as Chairman of the Early Closing Association, will propose the second reading of the Association's Bill for the establishment of a six months' period of summer time, from the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in October, remarks:—Although Sir Kingsley Wood's Bill may, perhaps, not commend itself to all the representatives of agricultural constituencies in the Commons, it is practically only the dairy farmers who find, in summer time, any cause of complaint, and even they, or rather their cows, only suffer a passing inconvenience as its result. To nearly the whole of the rest of the community, especially to those who live in towns, it has proved so great a boon that the case is clearly one in which the arrangement that makes for the health and happiness of the greatest number should prevail.

At present there is no sign that the bill will receive backing from the Government. Nor has there been any definite announcement that the intention to come to an understanding with France and Belgium on the subject of dates has been carried out, though the Government have, no doubt, considered this important aspect of the question. But if Parliament and the Government are to unite in the permanent establishment of summer time, the more evidently it is shown that the whole of the rest of the community, especially to those who live in towns, it has proved so great a boon that the case is clear

TUSSLE WITH ARMED ROBBER.

PROFESSOR THRIFT'S ADVENTURE.

Professor W. E. Thrift, T.D., appeared as a witness in the Dublin Police Court yesterday in connection with a criminal charge preferred against Thomas Evans, of 9 Greenmount lane, Harold's Cross.

Evans, who was brought up on remand, had been already charged with committing robbery at 19 Kenilworth square and with assaulting a domestic servant, Jennie Glennon, at that address. He was now charged with entering the house of Miss Emily Thrift, of Grosvenor square, with intent to commit a felony.

Miss Thrift, giving evidence, said that when, in response to a knock, she opened the door of her house in Grosvenor square she found the prisoner standing on the steps. He asked for the "governor," but when she asked him what his business was he replied, "I will show you my business," and, stepping inside, closed the door. He told her that he had been authorised by the military to search for a man named Reynolds. She told him that there was no such man in the house.

Meanwhile, her two sisters came on the scene, but they were ordered upstairs. After a little time the witness saw the prisoner wrestling with one of her sisters, while the other was trying to drag him away. He rushed on to the landing then, shouting that he would shoot them all.

The witness ran to a front window and shouted for her brother, Professor Thrift, who lived next door. Her brother came running up the steps just as the prisoner was dashing down. A tussle followed, but the prisoner got away.

Professor Thrift gave evidence that he was attracted by the cries of his sister. On rushing up the steps of the house he met a man running down. They had a brief tussle, during which the man threatened to shoot, but eventually he got away. The witness could not swear that the prisoner was the man with whom he struggled.

The prisoner was further remanded for a week.

PENSIONS MINISTRY.

MR. MUIR AND REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL.

The dismissals at the Ministry of Pensions should not be blamed on the Labour Government, said Mr. Muir, Minister of Pensions, speaking at Glasgow yesterday. The responsibility lay with the late Administration.

What the present Government was anxious about was that any reduction of the staff should take place with due regard to the needs of the department. The reduction must conform to efficiency, and must not impair the rights and facilities of pensioners, while due regard must also be paid to the hardship on those likely to be dismissed. Those were the conditions which weighed with the Government in suspending the notices of three hundred and fifty women in the Pensions Issue Office, London, for a month.

The whole work of the Ministry was being reviewed, and it was thought that many things could be done to remove grievances and to rehabilitate the Ministry in the minds of ex-Service men and the public generally.

There had been a review going on of all parents' and pre-war dependents' pensions, and it was almost completed, but instructions had been issued by the Ministry that in those cases still to be reviewed the pensioner should be given fourteen days' notice of appeal to the Local War Pensions Committee or the Ministry before any reduction became operative. Those who had already received notice of reduction which had become operative were given the right to cite fresh evidence against the reduction, and instructions had been issued to the effect that in any case of doubt the pensioner was to get sympathetic consideration.

Proceeding to discuss the general situation, Mr. Muir said that, as a minority Ministry, they did not expect to fulfil all the pledges and promises given at the general election, but in some matters they had shown already an earnest desire to fulfil them so far as it could be done by administrative action.

Mr. Muir returned to London last night.

HEALTH INSURANCE.

ACCOUNTS OF ENGLISH AND IRISH FUNDS.

Accounts relating to the National Health Insurance Fund, England, issued last night, show that the total receipts for the year ended December 31st, 1922, amounted to £29,004,652 2s. 10d. The chief items contributing to this total were:—Sale of health insurance stamps at post offices, £19,238,212 10s. 10d., and Exchequer grants, £5,781,673 17s. 10d.

On the payment side, societies disbursed for benefits and expenses of administration the sum of £14,015,904 19s. 5d., and Insurance Committees for medical and sanatorium benefits and expenses of administration £8,319,432 0s. 8d. The balance at the bank on December 31, 1922, was £410,110 8s. 5d.

The accounts of the Irish National Health Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1921, also issued last night, show, on the receipt side, a total of £1,267,544 4s. 6d., the main items being from the sale of insurance stamps and Exchequer grants. Payments included £630,380 2s. 9d. by societies for benefits and expenses of administration, and there was a balance at banks on 31st December, 1921, of £44,042 10s. 1d.

OUTDOOR RELIEF.

CONCESSIONS TO POPLAR GUARDIANS.

The English Minister of Health received yesterday morning a deputation of the Poplar Board of Guardians. A *communiqué* issued by the Ministry states that the deputation put to the Minister three points of poor law administration. They asked for:—

(1) The rescission of the Poplar Order, 1922, which requires the Guardians in granting outdoor relief not to exceed a prescribed scale; (2) The remission of certain surcharges made on the ground that in granting outdoor relief the Guardians had given insufficient weight to wages earned by members of the family relieved; and (3) the reversal of any surcharge made against the Guardians in respect of the minimum wage of £4 per week paid to their employees.

In reply the Minister said that he had decided to rescind the special Poplar Order, and to remit any surcharge that might be made under it, and that he would consider carefully and sympathetically the second point put before him by the Guardians. He was, however, bound in considering the surcharges to satisfy himself of the present legal position. As regards the minimum wage paid by the Guardians the Minister referred to the proceedings taken by the Council in the High Court, and said that in view of those proceedings he could not properly make any pronouncement.

PIGS SLAUGHTERED.

IRISH SHIPMENT ATTACKED WITH SWINE FEVER.

Between 400 and 500 pigs, shipped from Ireland, were slaughtered in the railway sidings at Salford yesterday, suffering from swine fever.

As Ireland is free from swine fever, the medical officer of the port inclines to the belief that the animals contracted the disease in transit from the English coast to the interior, possibly in cattle trucks. Not all the animals were affected, though all were killed, and some may be sold for human consumption.

Salford Cattle Market, the largest of its kind in Great Britain, outside London, has been closed, and is likely to remain so.

• CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Open Competition, 50 Vacancies, 24th March, 1924. Age 19-22. ELEVEN SUCCESSES AT LAST EXAM. (Limited Competition), August, 1923. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes now working. Intending Candidates should enrol at once.—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

NEWFOUNDLAND SCANDAL.

EX-PREMIER IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

EMPHATIC DENIALS.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, Tuesday.

Sir Richard Squires, the ex-Prime Minister, in direct examination yesterday before the Court of Inquiry which is investigating certain charges against him, denied unequivocally ever receiving any money from the British Empire Steel Corporation, its subsidiaries, or its officials at any time or for any purpose whatever, or authorising any persons to receive any money on his behalf either for personal or political purposes.

Asked regarding an amount of 46,000 dollars alleged to have been put to the credit of his account while he was absent from the colony between August and December, 1920, he said that this money was obtained by his secretary, Miss Miller, from her brother, Mr. James Miller, accountant of the Steel Company, for the use of the *Daily Star* newspaper, but that he knew nothing about this until the following March, when she told him that she had got this money, and had given cheques signed "Squires, per Miller," as vouchers.

Sir Richard said that he then insisted that they should be replaced by a *Daily Star* cheque as a voucher, which was done.

Questioned as to the contents of a mysterious parcel, which Miss Miller swore last week she obtained from Mr. Glennies, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at St. John's, and took to Sir Richard Squires by direction of Mr. McInnes, director of the Bank of Nova Scotia in June, 1920, he said that the parcel contained 5,000 dollars in bank notes, being a personal contribution by Mr. McInnes towards Sir Richard Squires' campaign fund. Mr. McInnes was a friend of twenty years' standing.

Asked regarding statements by Mr. James Miller, his Secretary's brother, and Mr. John Meaney, former Liquor Controller, last week, when these Crown witnesses swore that Sir Richard Squires, through Mr. Miller, had sent Mr. Meaney to Montreal at the end of 1921 to negotiate for the payment of $100,000 by the Steel Company as a campaign contribution in return for a revision of the company's ore tax contract, and sent him again at the end of 1922 on a similar mission, but with the figure increased to $300,000, Sir Richard denied both statements emphatically.

He also denied Mr. Meaney's further statement that Sir Richard Squires had taken him from Montreal to New York to negotiate an agreement with the Commercial Cable Company for certain concessions in Newfoundland, with the payment of $15,000 as a campaign contribution.

Sir Richard Squires explained that he had brought Mr. Meaney to New York to advise on technical matters, Mr. Meaney being a telegraphist. Sir Richard Squires also denied that in conversation with officials of the Steel Company the matter of a campaign contribution was ever mentioned.

During Sir Richard Squire's examination numerous documents were offered in evidence, which the Commissioner rejected on the ground that they were not pertinent to the matter.

Respecting one document, the Commissioner said that it would be helpful if he were writing the history of Newfoundland, but it was valueless in that inquiry, and he concluded by declaring that such material was being offered for political reasons only.—(Reuter.)

DOCK CONFERENCE.

SITUATION EASIER.

Great public interest was centred in the Conference which took place in London yesterday between the port employers and a Negotiating Committee of the Transport and General Workers' Union, on the question of the demand of the dockers for an increase of two shillings a day in wages. The Union is also asking for a guaranteed week, which raises the problem of decasualisation of dock labour.

The negotiations may decide the issue of whether there is to be a national strike of dockers on February 16. Representatives of the port employers present included Mr. F. B. Allen, Chairman, P. and O.; Lord Ritchie, Port of London Authority; Mr. E. Latimer, Manchester Ship Canal; Mr. J. W. Vickerey, Cardiff Great Western Railway; Mr. J. Sempell, Glasgow; Mr. F. Scrutton, London Docks; Mr. W. Fenton, Hull, and Mr. Jenkin Jones, London North-Eastern Railway. Among representatives of the Transport and General Workers' Union were Mr. Ben Tillett, M.P.; Mr. J. Sexton, M.P.; Mr. Ernest Bevin, General Secretary, and Mr. F. Thompson, London Docks' Group Secretary. The proceedings were held in private.

When the Conference rose it was officially announced that the port employers are calling a special meeting of their National Council at once, and will meet representatives of the Union at a further joint Conference.

The greater part of the proceedings was devoted to the presentation of the men's case by Mr. Bevin. Later the men's representatives separated to enable the employers to consult among themselves. The Conference subsequently concluded, when an official announcement of the decision to call a special meeting of the Employers' National Council was made.

Although, as a result of yesterday's Conference, it could not be definitely stated that the crisis had been averted, there was a belief in trade union circle that the situation had been eased.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

FINAL AWARDS IN WINTER SPORTS CONTESTS.

CHAMONIX, Tuesday.

The Winter Sports of the Eighth Olympiad concluded here this morning. The closing ceremony, which took place on the rink, was presided over by Baron Pierre de C. Oubertin, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, who, after a speech, presented the medals to the winners.

The judges' awards in the long ski-jumping contest, which took place yesterday, were as follows:—Thams (Norway), 1; Bonnat (Norway), 2; Haug (Norway), 3; Haugen (U.S.A.), 4; Landwol (Norway), 5; Nilsson (Sweden), 6; Jakobson (Sweden), 7; Girardbille (Switzerland), 8; Lind (Sweden), 9; Wende (Czecho-Slovakia), 10; Jaaskelainen (Finland), 11; Sund (Sweden), 12; Niemenien (Finland), 13; Batson (U.S.A.), 14; Balmat (France), 15. Thirty competed.

The final awards in the combined ski-race and jumping from springboards were:—Haug (Norway), 1; Stromstad (Norway), 2; Grottumabatten (Norway), 3; Okern (Norway), 4. Twenty-six competed.

The classification by nations stands as follows:—1, Norway, 134½ points; 2, Finland, 76½ points; 3, Great Britain, 30 points; 4, United States, 29 points; 5, Sweden, 26 points; 6, Austria, 25 points; 7, Switzerland, 25 points; 8, France, 16½ points; 9, Czecho-Slovakia, 8½ points; 10, Belgium, 2 points; 11, Canada and Italy, 1 point each.—(Press Association's Special Correspondent.)

Colonel Strutt, D.S.O., second in command of the Mount Everest Expedition, was presented with the Alpine Olympic Prize, awarded by the International Olympic Committee to the British mission which took part in the expedition of 1923.

SALMON BED DISTURBED.

OFFENDERS FINED A SHILLING.

On the ground that it was the first fishery prosecution of its kind, says our Correspondent, Mr. P. P. O'Donoghue, the magistrate at the Listowel District Court, imposed mitigated fines of one shilling each on three persons for disturbing a salmon spawning bed in the River Feale by taking gravel from the vicinity.

M. René Fouret, the *doyen* of Paris publishers and booksellers, has died at the age of 82. He had represented the French publishing trade at publishing congresses in America for the last sixty years. His son, M. Edouard Fouret, is head of the firm of Hachette.

COUNTY DUBLIN ELECTION.

LABOUR MEETINGS.

Meetings in support of the Labour candidate (Mr. A. Heron) in the County Dublin by-election have been held at Lucan, Balbriggan, Swords, and Finglas.

At Lucan Mr. Heron compared the Government's housing policy with that of the Labour Party. He claimed that, while the latter would solve the problem and relieve unemployment, the Government's policy still left it in the power of the building "rings" to "hold up" the whole scheme. The Government's policy on education, he said, was simply to play off one set of public servants against another. While making golden promises to the secondary teachers, they were reducing the salaries of national teachers, and making an effort to co-ordinate the work of primary, secondary and university schools. Economy without progress was a mistaken policy, because the reduction of wages did not necessarily mean extension of business, while it undoubtedly meant the reduction of the purchasing power of the great bulk of the citizens, and, therefore, more unemployment.

The meeting at Balbriggan was addressed by Mr. C. F. Ridgway, who appealed for support for the Labour candidate as a protest on the part of the electors which would indicate to the Government the country's disapproval of their present attitude towards the workers, whose votes had put them into power.

Mr. M. P. Linehan was the principal speaker at Swords. He said that the eyes of the Irish workers were fixed on the contest in County Dublin, and messages of support were coming from trade union branches all over the country. There were close on 70,000 unemployed in the Saorstat, and a large proportion of these were ex-National Army men or ex-interneees. The reward they had got for fighting in the recent faction strife was to be thrown on the unemployment list. Neither party to the struggle had any constructive policy of relief. Hangers-on of the Republican Party were shouting about a Workers' Republic, but the responsible leaders of that party had made no declaration as to its economic policy. The plain fact was that they had none.

At Finglas Mr. A. J. Cassidy said that the Labour Party were out to create; not to destroy. The object of the Labour Party was to secure decent houses for the workers at economic rents. The manner in which the housing question was tackled by the Government was very discouraging, and merely meant nibbling at an urgent public problem. A guarantee of reasonable permanency for the building trades would be one of the greatest incentives to an increase in output. He recommended this policy to the Government and to employers as an alternative to attempting to cut wages or lengthen hours.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

YOUTH WHO DID NOT PARADE WITH FIANNA.

Charged with being concerned in an attempt to kidnap Patrick Mullen, of 4 Marshalsea lane, Dublin, with a view to compelling his attendance at a parade of Fianna Boy Scouts, John Francis Ivors, of 32 New Bride street, was, in the Dublin police Courts yesterday, remanded in custody for one week. The accused was also charged with assaulting Mullen and Corporal J. O'Keeffe, of the Free State Army, by presenting a revolver at them on the same occasion.

Mullen gave evidence to the effect that, as he was standing outside his house in Marshalsea lane on Sunday last, he was accosted by the prisoner and two other men, who endeavoured to drag him away to a parade of Fianna Scouts, which was being held at Crumlin. Mullen resisted them, and one of the men then produced a revolver and presented it at him. They then seized hold of him, but as they were taking him away Mullen struggled free, and, striking Ivors, knocked him to the ground. Mullen's sister and mother coming on the scene then, Mullen was enabled to get away.

Replying to Mr. Cooper, K.C., the magistrate, Mullen said that the Fianna was "a junior unit of the I.R.A.," and the accused man was supposed to be the Commanding Officer.

Answering Mr. O'Brien, solicitor, who represented the prisoner, the witness said that he had left the Fianna about a month previously. There was laughter when witness repudiated a suggestion that he left the organisation because he was not made a General or a Field Marshal.

Corporal O'Keefe, examined by Mr. J. W. Davis, prosecuting solicitor, described how he followed the prisoner and his two companions on hearing that they had been trying to take away young Mullen. At Bridgefoot street corner, he said, two of the men stopped and, putting their hands in their pockets, warned him to stop where he was. From that, witness suspected that they were armed. Witness, on the advice of a small crowd who had gathered, did not proceed further.

Detective Officer Quinn (with whom was Detective Officer Lee) told the Court that when he arrested Ivors and told him that he was going to detain him on suspicion of attempted kidnapping, Ivors said—"I got my order, and I had to obey it or I would be shot."

In the course of a voluntary statement made to witness later, Ivors said that he met a man named Courtenay in Thomas street on the Sunday in question. While they were talking, two other men—one of them named Brown—came up, and Courtenay, who was captain of prisoner's company, ordered the three of them "to go for Mullen" for not attending the parade. The man named Brown had a revolver. Mullen resisted their efforts to take him, but had it not been for the arrival of his mother and sister on the scene they would have taken him to Cromlin.

This was the only evidence produced yesterday.

COSTS AGAINST CROWN.

BALLYMENA MAGISTRATES' ORDER QUASHED.

In the Northern King's Bench Division, yesterday, the Lord Chief Justice made an order of *certiorari* quashing an order made on an appeal by the magistrates at Ballymena Quarter Sessions, in which they gave 40s. costs against the Crown.

Mr. J. C. Davison (instructed by the Chief Crown Solicitor), in applying for the order, explained that at Portrush Petty Sessions on the 15th August last District-Inspector M'Neill, Ballymoney, prosecuted Acheson Traill, Portrush, for recklessly driving a motor car on the 24th July. The magistrates convicted and fined the defendant £5 and 2s. costs. Against this the defendant appealed, and the magistrates at Ballymena Quarter Sessions, where the appeal was heard, reversed the decision of the Portrush magistrates, with 40s. costs. The present application was with respect to the granting of costs against the Crown in a prosecution of that sort.

WATERFORD FARM STRIKE.

County Waterford is recovering slowly from the effects of the strike of farm labourers. The strike began last May, and was marked by many regrettable incidents. At one stage, indeed, it produced so many outrages that the military forces in the county had to be strengthened. During the summer and autumn neither side would give way, but as Christmas approached many of the strikers made terms with their employers, and now most of them are in employment again.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

The Secretary of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses announces that Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been pleased to approve the appointment of the following to be Queen's Nurses, to date January 1, 1924:—Bridget Matilda Bligh, Dublin (St. Lawrence's) Training Home; Evelyn M. Fay, Mary Alice Flanagan, and Harriett Alice Murphy, Dublin Training Home; Esther Keegan, Dublin (St. Patrick's) Training Home.

About 85 kilos (over 170lb.) of morphium has been stolen, apparently during the week-end, from a large Berlin chemical works. The value of the stolen drug is estimated at 60,000 gold marks (£3,000).

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

"DENMARK AND SWEDEN."—Mr. T. J. Byrne lectured on "Denmark and Sweden" to a meeting of the Architectural Association of Ireland last night. He said that the International Exhibition at Gothenburg was of great architectural interest and introduced the new Slavonic style in buildings. The basic idea was the representation in architecture of the aspirations of a nation. The Swedes in their exhibition showed the immense progress which they had made in technical education. Copenhagen was a very large city, with broad streets. It was the home of co-operative efforts in divers directions. The lecturer also talked about Stockholm and Esberg, a completely new port, and a gateway to the extensive traffic with England.

KINGSTOWN ELECTRIC LIGHT.—It was stated at a meeting of the Kingstown Urban Council last night that before next winter the greater part of the township will be lighted by electricity. The hope was expressed that within a year the whole town ship would be so lighted.

THE BALLYGALLY HEAD.—The Ballygally Head, of the Ulster Steamship Company, which has been lying at the South Wall for six months, will leave this morning for the North-East coast of England. It is reported that the ship has been sold to the West Hartlepool Steam Navigation Co.

CONNAUGHT.

USELESS TO PROTEST.—Carrick-on Shannon No. 1 Council marked "read" the circular of the Dublin and Joint District Councils regarding the abolition of District Councils, and proposing that a conference should be held to consider the question. The Council was of the opinion that, no matter what protest was made, the Government would carry its proposals into effect.

STEEPLEJACK KILLED.—A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest in Sligo into the death of John Doyle, of Dublin, a steeplejack, who was killed by falling from a high chimney in the town on Monday. Doyle was taking down the chimney, and an eye-witness stated that a portion of the coping at the top gave way, and caused him to fall.

LEINSTER.

MISSING SHEEP.—George Simmons, a farmer, of Corah, Ballycarney, was charged at Enniscorthy, yesterday, with stealing two sheep, the property of Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare, of Newtownbarry House, and, alternatively, with being in unlawful possession of portions of the carcases. The accused man was acquitted on the first charge, and on the second was bound to the peace for twelve months.

MUNSTER.

SEALS OFF YOUGHAL.—At a meeting of the Youghal (Co. Cork) Urban Council a member called attention to the damage done to the local salmon fishermen by seals. He suggested that two marksmen posted on the seashore could lessen the evil. It was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Ministry of Fisheries and the local M.P.'s.

KINSALE'S OUTDOOR RELIEF BILL.—A return submitted by the relieving officers of the Kinsale Union shows that the amount paid in outdoor relief in the past half-year was £1,233, or £5 more than the amount paid in the corresponding period of 1922. A list of the names of all persons in the union in receipt of outdoor relief was ordered to be issued for the information of the ratepayers.

ABOLITION OF RURAL COUNCILS.—Youghal No. 2 (Co. Waterford) Council has made a unanimous protest against the proposed abolition of rural councils. During the discussion it was said that the Government seemed determined to put an end to democratic administration in the country districts and to throw the work on the already overworked county councils; otherwise to make opportunities for more appointments.

NEW HOUSES, BUT NO TENANTS.—Only six applications have been received by the Youghal Urban Council for the eight cottages erected at Parkspika. A house has been let to each of the six, and the other two remain vacant. The houses are on a hill overlooking the town. The weekly rent and rates amount to 9s. 6d.

GOATS IN GRAVEYARD.—A complaint was made at the meeting of Youghal No. 2 Council (Co. Waterford) that goats had done much damage in Mashmore Graveyard. The Council decided to prosecute the owners of trespassing animals and to request the contractor to rebuild the wall.

POISONED BY MOTOR-ENGINE FUMES.—While the schooner Garlandstone, bound from Gloucester to Waterford with salt, was off the Smalls Lighthouse, a leakage was discovered in the motor engine. The mate, Ernest Jenkins (55), of Plymouth, was overcome by fumes while making repairs, and died. The body was landed at Waterford yesterday.

Ballinasloe Motor Owners' Association has decided to increase motor car hiring charges by fifty per cent.

Carrick-on-Shannon ex-Servicemen have formed a branch of the Legion of Honour. A hundred men attended the inaugural meeting.

Martin Bergin, Moneygall, King's County, pleaded guilty, at Birr, to the larceny of sixteen sheep, the property of Mr. William O'Meara, Clonone, Moneygall, and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

When James Gordon was summoned at Lifford District Court for permitting a carcase of a horse to remain unburied on a field for some weeks, the Justice said it might have "risen a plague." The defendant, who said that he had since buried the carcase, was fined 5s.

Kingstown Lifeboat Committee has passed a resolution recording its sorrow at the death of Mr. J. H. Hargrave, honorary secretary of the branch, and its appreciation of his services.

Patrick Devany, aged 11, of Boher, Carrick-on-Shannon, has died from injuries received through being thrown from a horse, and dragged a considerable distance along the road.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

COMPENSATION FOR BREADWINNER'S DEATH.—Application was made at Ballymoney Quarter Sessions on Monday on behalf of Mrs. Torrens, Castle street, for compensation for the death of her husband, John Torrens, who was employed as a quarryman by Messrs. Peden Bros., and died as the result of an accident on October 12 last, when a considerable quantity of stone fell on him at Seacon quarry. The applicant was left with five children, ranging from nine to three years of age. The judge awarded £100 to the widow, and £200 to the children, to be invested, and the interest paid to the applicant for their upkeep.

LOCAL OPTION NOT FEASIBLE.—The Right Hon. H. M. Pollock, M.P., speaking at a meeting in Belfast on Monday night, said that when he had presented himself for election he, together with his colleagues, had pledged himself that if local option became an issue they would vote for and support it. He was not ashamed of that undertaking, and would repeat it if it were a feasible proposition. They must, however, look to practical matters. He did not believe that local option —leading up to prohibition—could be a feasible proposition at the British people were converted to that policy.

QAT FIELDS "SPIKED."—John Hunter, farmer, Droit, Newtownstewart, was yesterday at Omagh Quarter Sessions awarded £120 compensation for the "spiking" of his oat fields. Judge Linehan said that a grave and serious outrage had been committed against the applicant. The "spiking" of the corn involved the destruction of good food material when so many people wanted it.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY NEAR COALISLAND.—On Friday night John Cullen, of Coalisland, a dealer, was stopped at Clarke's Bridge, near Coalisland, by three armed men who jumped out from behind the hedge and at the point of revolvers demanded his money and valuables. Cullen handed over his watch and £12, and the robbers ran away.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE OFFICER.—At Bessbrook yesterday Captain Francis Scott, of the Special Constabulary Platoon, stationed at Ballymoyer House, Co. Armagh, was remanded on a cargo of the larceny of £746, the money of the Northern Government.

KING'S NATIONAL ROLL.—Strabane Urban District Council has unanimously decided to give preference in awarding contracts to firms on the King's National Roll of Honour, and to give a fair proportion of available work to ex-soldiers. The Council, as a body, is on the Roll.

FLAX FIBRES EPIDEMIC.—A stack of unscutched flax, valued at £50, the property of Mr. James Duffy, Killywill, Eglinton, Co. Londonderry, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. A number of similar fires have occurred in the district recently.

RECKLESS MOTORIST.—Samuel T. Steel, Millbrook House, Larne, was yesterday sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Belfast yesterday for having been drunk while in charge of a motor car and driving it recklessly. His licence was ordered to be suspended for three months.

BAND FOR NEWCASTLE.—Newcastle, Co. Down, Urban Council has agreed to grant £20 for a band to play during the summer months.

The Deaf-Mute Association, lately situated in College square East, Belfast, was united with the Kinghan Mission Hall, Botanic avenue, which is a similar institution, at a meeting on Monday evening.

There were 556 persons admitted to the Belfast Workhouse during the week. 340 were discharged, and 31 died, leaving 2,355 in the institution on February 2, compared with 2,226 on the corresponding date last year.

The White Star liner Olympic was to have left Belfast yesterday for Southampton, but owing to a gale the departure of the ship was deferred till to-day.

Portadown Labour Unionist Association has passed a resolution protesting against the dismissal of a Portadown married woman teacher owing, it was alleged, to approaching motherhood, and regretting that the Minister of Education for Northern Ireland did not prevent the notice from taking effect when the matter was brought before them by the teachers' unions.

NEW ISSUES.

WEST AUSTRALIA 5 P.C. STOCK.

Subscriptions will be received by the Westminster Bank, Ltd., and branches (Ulster Bank in Ireland) for £2,000,000 West Australia Inscribed Stock, bearing interest at 5 p.c. and issued at 98. The stock is redeemable between 1935 and 1945 and by a sinking fund of ½ p.c. per annum. The accumulated sinking funds for West Australia loans now invested in London amount to nearly nine millions. The proceeds of the loan will be used for railways, harbours, water supply, advances to settlers, and other purposes. The stock is a trustee investment of the first class. The list of applications will be closed on or before Monday, February 11, and applicants may use the form attached to the prospectus on page 9.

BRAZILIAN 7½ P.C. COFFEE LOAN OF 1922.

Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons are prepared to receive tenders of sale of bonds of the United States of Brazil Government 7½ p.c. (coffee security) Loan of 1922. The bonds must have the coupon due 1st April, 1924 attached, and must be lodged not later than 3.30 p.m. on February 15 at Rothschilds' office in London, with the price duly set forth. The result of the tenders will be notified by letter on or before Wednesday, 20th February, and the purchase money in respect of accepted tenders will be payable five clear days after acceptance. The text of the notice will be found on page 9.

LAYING A CABLE.

BRAY COUNCIL'S EXPERIMENT IN ECONOMY.

At the meeting of Bray Urban Council last night—Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chairman, presiding—Mr. O'Malley, on the reading of the minutes, called attention to an order made at the last meeting, directing Mr. Sowter, the Council's electrical engineer, to carry out the laying of an electrical cable by direct labour, on his undertaking to do the work for £900, provided he was granted a bonus of £50.

He said that he had been in communication with Mr. Sowter regarding the question of supervision, and that Mr. Sowter had told him that he would insist on a free hand.

The Chairman said that the only question he had to deal with was whether the minutes were a correct record of the proceedings, and he contended that they were. He was not in favour of granting a bonus to a whole-time official, but as Mr. Sowter undertook to do this work at £300 less than the lowest contractor's tender, the Council agreed to give him £50. If he failed to complete the work for £900 he would not get the bonus.

Mr. Edward Byrne said that Mr. O'Malley's contention meant that they had no faith in their electrical engineer.

Mr. O'Malley said that was utterly inaccurate. He was there only in the interests of the ratepayers, and was out for economy.

On the Chairman remarking that there was no need to get heated over the matter, the incident terminated.

FIVE WEEKS WITH BRIGANDS

FORCED MARCH THROUGH CHINESE HILLS.

WOMEN MISSIONARIES' TRYING ORDEAL.

The experiences of the two lady missionaries of the China Inland Mission, Miss Darroch and Miss Sharp, who were taken by brigands from the mission station at Honan and held captive for five weeks, may now be given in some detail, states a Reuter's message. Although their rescue was effected at the end of October, it is only now that a connected account of their adventures has been made available.

In the report given by Miss Darroch and Miss Sharp to a *North China Herald* correspondent in Honan, it is stated that the mission house was awakened in the early hours by a band that had captured and looted the town and entered the mission compound. Amid much firing and confusion the two women preserved a brave front, ordered their breakfast to be prepared, and were calmly eating their meal when armed bandits entered the diningroom, demanding firearms. That whole day numerous bandits, all intent on loot, entered the house, and as darkness set in both women, despite vigorous protests, were taken away.

For days the brigands moved on slowly, pillaging and looting. In Yuan Shih Kai's village, when they were forced to flee on account of the soldiers, the captives were hauled out in the middle of the night and marched off silently and without lights. On their journey they passed unnoticed a city whose walls were lighted in expectation of a brigand attack.

Apart from the imminent danger of being between two fires, the travelling became hazardous. At one point a farm sledge full of wounded brigands could scarcely be moved owing to the hills, and an ambushed force of militia started firing. Bullets were flying, and the cart containing the two missionaries was in constant danger of being overturned into the water.

THREE-MILE PROCESSION.

At one time the brigand processions, including the prisoners, was three miles long. There was a multitude of horses and some few carts; slower animals had been from time to time carried off, but as they were too slow they were abandoned. There were many men wheeling barrows containing the loot. Most of the prisoners walked. Throughout the five weeks in which the two women were in the hands of the brigands they were in the midst of fifteen battles, in each of which there were many killed and many severely wounded.

During the third week of their enforced march the brigand force was again attacked. The horses were galloped to escape the pursuing soldiers, with the result that the missionaries' cart was continually upset. At times both women were compelled to proceed by foot and forced to wade rivers. "You can imagine," said one of them, "how we looked and felt when we reached the other side; there the brigand leader, awaited us, and, being each thrown on a horse in accordance with his orders, we were still urged ahead at a speed which for us, who had never been on horses before, was killing. In this engagement we lost all the little comforts that we had—food, clothing, coverlets, all went. This fight was a very severe blow to Fan, for most of his loot was lost and hundreds of his prisoners escaped."

At a later stage in the march through the mountains the bandits' road became blocked, and a stampede commenced, men and horses literally rolling down the precipitous hillsides. Miss Sharp's personal guard bolted, and she herself hid under a rock, listening to the fast approaching troops and the bullets whizzing overhead, until she was found by the soldiers. About the same time Miss Darroch, who had got separated from Miss Sharp, was personally threatened with death by the brigand leader, who, however, when he saw the troops, left and ran.

The soldiers would scarcely believe that the women were foreigners, for, as Miss Sharp says:—"After five weeks of being dragged about with the bandits, during which time I had not had a change of clothing, my shoes were old and patched, a Chinese towel covered my head, and with all the battered and draggled signs of the flight fully in evidence, I could easily forgive them for doubting my statement."

Miss Darroch has about twenty-five years' experience of missionary work in China. Miss Sharp went to China from Australia in 1919.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Rev. J. G. Sheldon has been appointed to the parish of Laghey, in the Diocese of Derry. Mr. Sheldon was ordained in 1907 and has been incumbent of Badoney Upper since 1910.

The date of the Confirmation at St. Columba's College Chapel has been changed from April 19 to Saturday, April 5, at 12 noon.

The Rev. D. G. Norris has been appointed by the Bishop of Ossory to the Rural Deanery of St. Canice.

CLONDALKIN AND TALLAGHT.

The Board of Nomination for the United Parishes of Clondalkin and Tallaght, Diocese of Dublin, met yesterday and nominated the Rev. H. G. Forde, curate of Rathmines, Dublin, to the second incumbency.

Mr. Forde is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and was ordained in 1914 as curate of Holy Trinity, Rathmines. He was appointed an honorary clerical vicar of Christ Church Cathedral in 1918.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

A memorial Service will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, at 4 p.m. on the same day as the funeral of the late ex-President Wilson takes place. The Dean hopes that all public bodies will be represented.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Since June last Tralee Methodism has spent £80 in renovating the Manse, which is now in excellent condition. An evangelistic mission was commenced on the last Sunday in January by the superintendent minister.

Delay has been experienced in carrying out the proposed arrangements for renovating the Methodist church at Killarney. Methodist Services have been resumed at Killarney, where Services of the sort have not been held for over three years.

Two of the towns of the Limerick district have been visited recently by two Methodist ministers from Dublin. In spite, however, of some small opposition, a good hearing was given to the preaching Services.

The Rev. C. H. Crookshank, of Limerick, has delivered in Limerick a lecture on "The Oddities of an Extraordinary Little Englishman." There was a large attendance.

For the past fortnight a successful series of evangelistic Services have been conducted in the schoolhouse of the Methodist church, Ballina.

The monthly meeting of ministers was held on Monday afternoon in the Church Parlour of the Centenary Church, Dublin, when the Rev. James M. Alley presided, and there were twenty other members present. A paper was read by the Rev. A. E. Carson on "Soul Culture." The ministers were then entertained to tea by the Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Alley.

DUBLIN ROADS GRANT.

A meeting of the Dublin Corporation next Monday will discuss a motion proposing that the resolution adopted by the Council on January 14, with reference to the acceptance of the Government grant of £10,190 for road work, shall be amended by the proviso that the decision to accept the grant shall be subject to agreement between the Committee which conducted the former negotiations and the trade union representatives called into conference in connection with the reduction in labourers' wages; and that the Streets Committee present to a conference a return of the amount of money proposed to be spent in wages and on materials.

Land and colonisation officials of the Canadian National Railways, in conference at Winnipeg, are arranging for the transportation of several thousand farmers from the United States, who are expected to settle in the Canadian West this year.—(Reuter.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The British Postmaster-General has appointed Mr. G. H. Gould Smith his Private Secretary.

Mr. Kellogg, the American Ambassador in London, was among the visitors at the Foreign Office yesterday.

THE PRINCE FOX-HUNTING.—The Prince of Wales had two fine runs with the Whaddon Chase Hounds yesterday. One fox provided fifty-five minutes' sport before being killed in the open, and another put up a run of thirty-five minutes before going to ground.

THE KING AND QUEEN.—The King and Queen attended by the Lady Elizabeth Dawson, Colonel Clive Wigram, and Major Reginald Seymour, arrived at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning from York Cottage, Sandringham. The Prince of Wales dined with Their Majesties in the evening.

GERMANY'S PLEASURE FOR BRITISH PAY.—Hull dockers yesterday stopped work on two German ships, recently arrived, in order to assist the strike movement to enforce British rates of pay for German seamen. Several German vessels have sailed short-handed recently, leaving the strikers behind.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.—John Gilson Sheild, formerly clerk to the Worcester Guardians, who held several public offices, and who had been brought from South Africa, was charged at Worcester yesterday with embezzling £265, money received on behalf of the Guardians. On the application of the defence a further remand was ordered.

WOMAN FOUND KILLED.—On the banks of the Avon, at the foot of Clifton's steep rocks, close to the suspension bridge, yesterday, the body was found of a young woman, with the head terribly injured. It was later identified as that of a young married woman living at Totterdown, a residential suburb of Bristol. It is stated that she was only recently married and that she appeared to be quite happy.

JUBILEE MILLS' APPEAL.—When the House of Lords resumed the hearing of the Jubilee Cotton Mills appeal, counsel for Mr. T. Lewis, of Cardiff, the respondent in the case, said that respondent had no experience of companies, and he was only one cog in the wheel of the Hooley conspiracy. He had been influenced by the representation that Hooley was not so bad as he was painted. The hearing was adjourned.

PENSIONS' MINISTRY DISMISSALS. — Mr. J. W. Muir, Parliamentary Secretary

CRIMINAL TRIALS IN DUBLIN.

COMMISSION FOR CITY AND COUNTY OPENS.

MANY SERIOUS CASES FOR TRIAL.

Mr. Justice Pim yesterday began the trial of prisoners committed from the City and County of Dublin and from many other counties in the Free State.

Alderman Hubbard Clark, City High Sheriff, and Colonel Branson Newman, County High Sheriff, were present on the bench beside the Judge.

Mr. Justice Pim, addressing the county grand jury, recalled the fact that when he presided in that Court last August he bade them farewell as a grand jury. He then thought that by the present time, according to the march of events, the grand jury would be only a memory. He did not quite foresee what was going to happen.

Bills in twelve cases had to be considered by them, but there were more bills than cases. Most of them were rather serious in character —interference with property, conspiracy to defraud, forgery, house-breaking and robbery, threats of murder, etc. These revealed a serious condition of things in the county. However, he thought that there had been an improvement since he was here last. Police statistics had not been furnished to him which would enable the grand jury to judge of the progress made or otherwise, and he hoped that these statistics would be prepared in future for the information of the citizens of the county.

He sincerely hoped that it would not be very long until the county came back to its normal condition, and that he might be able to say—even though there should be no grand jury—that Dublin was the quietest, most orderly and most law-abiding county in Ireland.

The grand jury, having disposed of their business, were discharged.

CITY GRAND JURY.

Mr. Justice Pim, addressing the city grand jury, on which there were several ladies, said that there were about twenty cases from the city, some paltry and some serious, such as robberies, house-breaking, etc. There were three or four cases of pilfering at the Port of Dublin—a serious class of offence, so serious that representations had been made about it by merchants in Great Britain.

(In the figures in the police report, there were signs of encouragement, although the condition of the city, from the point of view of crime, was not yet what it ought to be. The total number of crimes reported for the present year was 947, as against 905 last year. The increase here was entirely due to drunkenness, the number of offences under this heading having risen from 167 to 229.

The number of crimes in which the offenders were unknown was 315 last year, as against 291 to-day. The number of persons made amenable for offences last year was 632, as against 677 to-day. Offences against property were still too high, the number this year being 376, as against 316 last year.

CASES FROM OTHER COUNTIES.

There were about 28 cases from other counties in the Free State for trial. His Lordship said that he would send up to the grand jury half of the bills for the present, and leave the remainder over for a week, so as to convenience witnesses. There were two extremely serious cases from the County Carlow. There was a case of murder from Kildare, in which a soldier was charged with having shot his corporal in bed. There were some unpleasant cases of gross indecency from Kilkenny and Wexford Counties. There was a case of murder from Leitrim, and a case of robbing the Hibernian Bank at Charlestown, County Mayo, when £5,000 was taken, a considerable portion of which was afterwards returned. There was a case of murder from Tipperary, in which John Ryan, a soldier, was accused of having killed one of his companions in the street. There was a case of attempted murder of the son of a publican at Athlone, and a case of robbery under arms at the Munster and Leinster Bank, Dunlavin, County Wicklow—a very serious case. There was a case of robbery under arms of a postmaster at Offaly, and a case of attempted robbery of two poor girls in the demesne of Shelton Abbey, County Wicklow.

These were all the cases that he would send before the grand jury at present. The remainder would be taken when the grand jury returned on Tuesday next.

CONCEALMENT OF BIRTH.

The grand jury having found some "true bills," Sir George Fottrell, Clerk of the Peace, said that in one case (a County Cork case of concealment of birth) they had found "no bill."

The Judge said that he could not take that finding.

Sir John Irwin (a member of the grand jury) said that they had had no evidence before them.

The Judge—There is clear evidence on the depositions.

Mr. Carrigan, K.C., and Mr. Dudley White, K.C. (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), who conducted the prosecution in the several cases, said that it was impossible to conduct the business of the Commission unless the responsible officer of the Civic Guard was in attendance.

After a little while, it was ascertained that an officer of the Civic Guard had given oral evidence corroborative of the depositions, and the Judge sent the bill back to the grand jury, who found it a "true bill," and the accused later pleaded guilty.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Charles Phelan pleaded not guilty to an indictment by which he was charged (with other persons not in custody) with having, while armed, forced an entry into the residence of Francis Hickey, of Churchtown, Dundrum, County Dublin, on the night of the 16th of February, 1923, and stolen £9.

Mr. Cawley (instructed by Mr. James Brady) appeared for the accused.

Lizzie Doyle, a servant in the employment of Mr. Hickey, said that at about 11.30 on the night of the 16th February, 1923, four armed men came to the house. They had come in a motor car, and when they knocked and she asked them who they were, the reply was "Military." She opened the door, and the men rushed in. Three were in civilian dress, and the fourth (the prisoner) was in the Free State uniform. She knew the prisoner for over two years. Mrs. Hickey, who was ill in bed, came downstairs, and she and the witness were ordered into the kitchen. The men said that they had come to search the house.

Mrs. Cecilia Hickey said that she heard the motor car arrive in front of the house. She rushed downstairs and saw four men in the hall. One of them was in uniform; each was armed with a revolver. One of the men put a revolver to her breast and forced her into the drawingroom. The servant was forced into the kitchen, and then the house was searched by the raiders. After they had left she missed £9. She did not identify the prisoner as having been one of the raiders.

A sergeant of the Civic Guard told the Court that on being arrested the prisoner denied the charge.

The defence was an *alibi*.

James Phelan, father of the prisoner, who lives at Dundrum, stated that his son had been stationed at Bray, and in the course of six or seven months had visited his home three or four times. He remembered that his son paid him a visit on the night of February 16th, being then in uniform, but without arms. He could not, under the circumstances, have been in the raid on Mr. Hickey's residence.

The prisoner's mother, brother and sister gave similar evidence.

Counsel for the prosecution commented on the circumstance that, of all nights in the year, the prisoner should have been in Dundrum on the very night on which the raid was committed.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was put back for sentence.

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LADIES' FOURSOMES AT RATHFARNHAM.

Miss E. S. Dodd. Mrs. Luce (left) and Mrs. Robert Browne. Mrs. [illegible]

HOSPITALS CUP MATCH AT LANSDOWNE ROAD.

Richmond Forwards Break Away.

A timely Pass from the Scrum in the Richmond-Adelaide Match.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS CUP.

An Incident in the Match between Morgan's School and Sandford Park at Donnybrook.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS BY IRISH ASSOCIATION.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association, in Cork, Mr. J. C. Foley, presiding, mentioned that many important developments had occurred since the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The Association had been represented at a Tourist Conference in Dublin, at which legislation was foreshadowed which would benefit their movement very much.

In connection with a proposal from the Standing Committee that a delegate be sent to America, Mr. Canavan, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, had informed him that he would pay a special visit to the United States for the purpose of getting active co-operation there, and with his intimate knowledge of affairs in the United States, Mr. Canavan was bound to do very effective work. His stay would cover several weeks, and preparations for active work were already in full swing.

The Secretary reported that during the past month branches had been established in Killarney, Limerick, Waterford, Bantry, and other important centres. In the coming week a County Convention meeting would be held in County Donegal, under the auspices of the Association.

With reference to the Wembley Exhibition, it was noted with satisfaction that the Dublin Chamber of Commerce had taken up the matter, and it was generally agreed that it was not yet too late to urge the Free State Government to alter their attitude in view of the immense importance of the Exhibition to the trade and commerce of the country.

The President mentioned that it would not be advisable for individual centres to expend money on advertising for the present. It was probable that a national advertising scheme would shortly be inaugurated, which would produce better results more economically than could be hoped for from individual effort.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MODERATORSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Most of the nominations for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church were made yesterday. The latest returns show that the Rev. R. W. Hamilton, of Lisburn, has been nominated by fourteen presbyteries, the Rev. Dr. Hastlett, Ballymena, by twelve presbyteries, the Rev. Dr. Osborne, Dublin, by two presbyteries, the Rev. F. S. Gardiner, Kingstown, by one presbytery, and the Rev. Dr. Aiken, Portstewart, by one presbytery. The nominations of eight presbyteries have yet to be received.

CAPTAIN EUSTACE.

Captain Eustace, of Toomevara, Nenagh, was removed under escort from Limerick prison last evening for Dublin, where he will appear before the High Court to-day. The removal of the prisoner follows the order granted by the Court quashing the conviction and sentence imposed on him by District Justice Flood on a charge of being, as alleged, in possession of stolen property.

Mr. Justice Astbury and Mr. Justice Lawrence are suffering from influenza, and there were no sittings of their courts in London yesterday

MEATH WAGES.

REPORT OF LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The following agreed communication to the Press has been issued from the joint conference of the representatives of the Meath Farmers' Association and the I.T. and G.W.U.:—

"At a conference held in Navan between representatives of the Meath Farmers' Association and the representatives of the I.T. and G.W.U. an agreement was reached in reference to rates of pay for agricultural labourers in County Meath. The terms agreed on are: for a working week of 54 hours 30s. per week for the area in which the wage was 26s., and 28s. per week for the area in which the wage was 34s.; these rates to operate as from February 1st, 1924, to February 1st, 1925.

"Employés shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for overtime and for any work done on Sundays or holidays, with a minimum of 2s. 6d. for Sunday or holiday work.

"All other conditions of labour shall be as heretofore.

"A further conference, composed of four representatives of each side, will be held on Monday, February 11th, to go into and draw up a scale of perquisites."

BELFAST SHIPBUILDING.

FIVE NEW VESSELS NEARING COMPLETION.

Three vessels were launched at Belfast during January of a total tonnage of 39,200 tons, as against one of 7,000 tons in the corresponding month of 1923. Messrs. Harland and Wolff launched two vessels of 30,900 tons and Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. one of 8,300 tons.

There are now five new vessels at the finishing wharves—the Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, the Royal Mail motor-ship Lochmonar, the Glen Line motor-ship Glenshield, and the British Mexican Petroleum Co.'s tanker Invergarry—all at Messrs. Harland and Wolff's; while Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. are completing the Commonwealth and Dominion liner Port Wellington.

In addition, Messrs. Harland and Wolff have in hand the big White Star liner Homeric and the Belfast Steamship Co.'s passenger steamer Heroic, which are being converted into oil burners.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

DOCUMENTS TAKEN BACK TO FOUR COURTS.

The necessary repairs to the Public Record Office in the Four Courts, Dublin, having been completed, the records and other documents, which had been brought temporarily to the Record Tower, Dublin Castle, have been taken back to the Four Courts, where they may be consulted by the public.

In the fire which followed the explosion at the Four Courts in 1922, the Record Treasury and the bulk of its contents were destroyed. All that now remains of the structure is part of an outer wall and a mass of twisted steel girders. The records destroyed included wills, patent rolls, inquisitions, census returns, and parish registers. Some valuable material was, however, saved. The accommodation available at the Four Courts is ample for the present requirements. Additional strong rooms have been made for the reception of records, the office being in charge of Mr. Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Keeper.

THE POPE'S GRATITUDE.

LETTER TO CARDINAL LOGUE.

Cardinal Logue has received the following autograph letter from the Pope:—

"To Our Beloved Son, Michael Logue, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church and Archbishop of Armagh.

"Pius XI., Pope.

"Our Beloved Son, Health and the Apostolic Benediction!

"As the Holy Kings of old in their devoted zeal brought pious offerings to the Divine Child, so have you in your kindness conveyed as a Christmas present to us, the representative on earth of the Saviour of men, your cordial good wishes and generous gift in money. For your kindly greeting and generous gift we are deeply grateful, because they afford a striking manifestation of your own filial affection and fidelity and of that of your entire flock.

"We marvel, indeed, at the wise and tender providence of God which moves the faithful to exhibit an increase of liberality in proportion to the increasing requirements of the Church, so that the common father may be able to provide opportune aid for the furtherance of so many great works of faith and charity throughout the world.

"We, therefore, now express our heartfelt gratitude, especially to you, our beloved son, who have thus given us further proof of your affection and loyalty. Finally, it is our earnest desire that the Divine Child may bestow upon you every favour and blessing, and as a pledge of these heavenly gifts and as a proof of our own particular good-will, We cordially impart to you and to all the clergy and laity entrusted to your care the Apostolic Benediction.

"Given at St. Peter's, Rome, on the 20th December, 1923, in the second year of our Pontificate.

"Pius XI., Pope."

IRISH POLICE PENSIONS.

At a meeting of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police pensioners on Sunday the secretary read letters from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Prime Minister; Mr. Asquith, M.P., and Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P., giving promises to do all in their power to make the Pre-War Pensions Increase Bill as satisfactory as possible. The secretary said that the House would meet on February 12, and it was confidently believed that the bill would be one of the first to be introduced. The time for talking was past, and what was wanted now was concerted action. In a few weeks' time the bill would be law, and it would then be too late to have it amended. Pensioners' delegates were ready to go to London at a moment's notice, and he made a final appeal to all members throughout Ireland to support the Dublin Executive in this last fight.

INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH UNION.

The Postmaster-General announces that the Irish Free State has adhered to the International Telegraph Convention, and is now a member of the International Telegraph Union. The Union, which has its headquarters at Berne, Switzerland, generally supervises the arrangements under which telegrams are exchanged between the various countries which are parties to the Telegraph Convention.

Manchester Housing Committee has prepared a scheme for erecting 484 houses on a site of 41 acres, at an average cost of £643 per house.

IRISH RAILWAYS.

WAGES AND CONDITIONS OF WORK.

CONFERENCE TO-MORROW.

A conference on the question of wages and conditions of work on the Irish railways will take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in the Railway Clearing House, Kildare street, Dublin. Seven of the principal railway companies will be represented, and, on the other side, there will be delegates from the National Union of Railwaymen, the Railway Clerks' Association, and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

The companies propose to reduce wages in all branches, except the Clerks', by sums ranging from 3s. to 11s. per week, and to alter other conditions contained in the last national agreement. One of their demands is for an extension of working hours. All their proposals have been rejected hitherto, and now the Railway Clerks Association are seeking a re-adjustment of existing salaries for the betterment of their members.

Earlier consideration of the matters in dispute, which first were brought to notice early last month, was impossible, as the railway strike in Great Britain prevented representatives of the Unions, whose headquarters are in London, from crossing to Ireland. Now, however, these men are free to travel, and among the party which will leave England to take up Labour's fight in Ireland will be Mr. J. Bromley, General Secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and Mr. C. T. Cramp, General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Mr. James Birmingham, the Irish Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has declared that no proposal for a reduction in wages can be entertained at present. Another Union official, who was interviewed by an *Irish Times* representative yesterday, stated that there was little prospect of an agreement being reached at to-morrow's conference. In the event of failure he made it clear that the points in dispute, in all likelihood, would be referred to the Central Wages Board, and again, if necessary, to the final "Board of Appeal"—the Irish Railways Wages Board.

If an appeal is to be placed before the Irish Railways Wages Board all danger of trouble, such as occurred recently on the English railways, will be virtually removed. There can be no withdrawal of labour, "lock-out," or alteration of existing conditions of labour pending the issue of the Board's finding. Under the same agreement, the Board is obliged to advise the parties of the result of its deliberations within 28 days of receiving the appeal.

The Railway Clerks' Association has already given notice of its intention to bring its proposals before the Central Wages Board. These proposals, however, will be gone into fully to-morrow, and the Association hopes that, as a result, there will be no necessity for an appeal.

The Wages Boards have been constituted as follows:—

CENTRAL WAGES BOARD.

Railway Companies' Representatives:—Messrs. P. J. Flovd, G.S. and W.R.; J. B. Stephens, G.N.R. (I.); W. H. Morton, M.G.W.R.; C. E. Moore, D. and S.E.; W. E. Wallace, L.M. and S.R. (N.C.C.); W. F. Minnis, B. and C.D.R.; K. P. Hunt, L. and L.S.R.

Trade Union Representatives:—N.U.R.—Messrs. R. Hennessy, H. Holmes, J. M. Cuthbertson. A.S.L.E. and F.—J. Bromley, R. H. Jones. R.C.A.—T. H. Gill and J. T. O'Farrell.

IRISH RAILWAYS WAGES BOARD.

Railway Companies' Representatives:—Messrs. E. A. Neale, G.S. and W.R.; John Bagwell, G.N.Rs; J. Pepper, L.M. and S.R. (N.C.C.); M. J. Maguire, D. and S.E.R.; C. A. Moore, B. and C.D.R., and H. Hunt, L. and L.S.R.

Trade Union Representatives—N.U.R.—Messrs. C. T. Cramp and J. Marchbank. A.S.L.E. and F.—D. Humphreys and R. T. MacKereth; and R.C.A.—T. H. Hill and A. G. Wallsden.

Users of Railways:—Messrs. Hewat, T.D., Dublin Chamber of Commerce; Richard B. Fair, Belfast Chamber of Commerce; D. R. Campbell, Irish Trade Unions Congress, and L. J. Duffy, do.

It will be observed that the companies' representatives on the Central Wages Board are, in the main, heads of departments. The appointment of these officials, apparently, is resented in Labour circles. Only general managers, it is alleged, have the power to make agreements, and it was stated yesterday that the Labour Party looked upon, and certainly would treat, the Central Wages Board as a merely nominal body.

The companies are strongly represented on the Irish Railways Wages Board. While his name does not appear in the list, it is understood that Mr. M. F. Keogh, manager of the Midland Great Western Railway, will act as their advocate.

It is provided that this Board shall have an independent chairman. He must have held a judicial appointment, or have been a member of the Inner Bar for not less than five years, and will be appointed by the members of the Board from a panel of three to be nominated by the users of railways.

DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS.

DUBLIN BRANCH MEETING.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of the Dublin branch of the Irish Distributive Workers' Union was held in the Mansion House on Monday night, the Chairman, Mr. P. H. Mungovan, presiding.

Mr. W. J. Byrne, Secretary, read the annual report. It stated that, although last year was the most critical since the inception of the Union, it was, in the main, the most successful. 1,423 new members were enrolled during the year, and the membership in full benefit at December 31st stood at 4,000, or 650 higher than a year ago. Attention was also called to the number of members lost owing to the closing of firms like the Junior Army and Navy Stores, Eden Bros., etc. The total revenue of the branch was £7,715 5s. 11d., of which sum £5,843 9s. 7d. was remitted to the Central Executive Committee. £634 7/3 had been raised by voluntary contributions in aid of those recently on strike at Messrs. Kellett's, and a further sum was raised in the same way in support of the Cork strike. The Executive Committee had paid in benefits to the Dublin members £3,719 13s. 6d. from trade union funds, and £1,957 19s. 4d. from insurance funds, making a total payment of £5,677 12s. 10d. by way of cash benefits.

Delicate and protracted negotiations ensued, it was stated, when the Dublin Merchant Drapers' Association last year demanded a reduction in wages of 20 per cent., which meant, if carried into effect, reductions in some cases as high as 30s. a week. A new wage agreement has been set up which ensures that no further revision will take place before January, 1925.

The report goes on:—"Your Branch Committee has intervened on behalf of members in 454 different cases relating to dismissals, wage adjustments, conditions of employment, and many other minor troubles, and in every case has been able to offer help and advice to those concerned."

Referring to the demand for early closing on Saturday nights, it continues:—"In the opinion of your Committee the organized opposition of the small traders should now be met with vigour and determination by all our members. The matter has assumed a grave importance during the past few months, in view of the fact that the larger firms are becoming very unwilling to see their establishments closed at the agreed hour, while those of their competitors remain open."

The report was generally considered satisfactory. It was unanimously adopted, on the motion of the Chairman.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject of the Saturday night closing, nominations were received for officers and members of the Executive Committee for the year, and arrangements were made for having a ballot of the members for all offices where a contest arises.

COLLEGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The College Historical Society will hold a debate to-night, at 8. Subject:—"That the Admission of Women to Universities has been Justified." Speakers:—Messrs. E. N. Goff, W. S. Maguinness, H. L. Fletcher, D. R. Bute.

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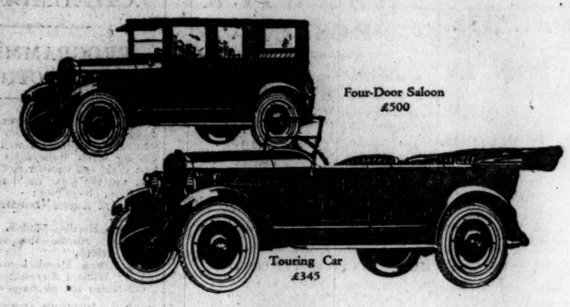

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BLACKROCK TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

IMPORTANCE OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

Dr. Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education, was present last night at the annual distribution of prizes at the Blackrock Technical School.

Mr. T. A. W. Hill, Secretary and Principal, read the twenty-second annual report, which stated that 45 boys had been admitted to the Day Trades' Preparatory School, and, generally speaking, good work had been accomplished. A few of the boys on leaving the institute had been well placed with Dublin firms, but, owing to adverse industrial conditions, it had been found very difficult to secure suitable positions for all the boys who were ready to commence business. The industrial position had improved during the present session. The most satisfactory feature of the evening work was the instruction on the group of applied science subjects, much good work being done in the mechanical and motor engineering courses.

The financial statement showed a debit balance of £70 17s. 4d., although the Department had made a special grant to improve the Committee's financial position.

Mr. W. Field, who presided, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the school was on the up grade, as was the country also. There was an increase in the number of students. One of the chief functions of the school was the teaching of housecraft. That was as it should be, because the comfort of the home almost preceded everything else. It had been said of the Technical School that it was preparing boys for emigration. To that accusation he could reply that out of several hundreds of pupils trained there since the school began only four boys had emigrated.

Mr. T. J. Hayes seconded the motion, and said that the school had reason to be proud of its record.

Dr. MacNeill spoke in support of the motion, and complimented the Committee, Principal and staff on the report of the success of their work. If the pupils wanted to get full advantage from the school there was nothing more important than continuous attendance. He had been very much struck by what had been said about so few pupils who had received technical instruction there having gone out of the country. He had been very pleased to hear Mr. Field say that they were on the up grade, and insisting on it.

In the report it had been stated that industrial conditions had somewhat improved in the present year as compared with the previous year. They had a right to expect that that small improvement would develop into a great one. With responsibility and direction in their own hands, they should show what they could do for themselves.

He was glad to see the importance that the Chairman attached to homecraft and domestic economy. They wanted to have happy homes in this country. That was the aim of the Government, and should be the common aim. Housecraft or domestic economy could make the home attractive.

The motion was adopted.

Miss Moorhead then distributed the prizes.

LURGAN HOUSING.

URBAN COUNCIL'S £10,000 LOAN.

At the monthly meeting of the Lurgan Urban Council—Mr. John St. Carrick, J.P. (Chairman), presiding—the following recommendations of the Whole Council in Committee which met to consider the housing question were submitted:—"That a grant of £25 be made in respect of all houses erected within a specified period, with a minimum area of 600 and a maximum area of 750 super-feet; that a grant of £40 be made in respect of all houses erected within a specified period, with an area exceeding 750 and not exceeding 930 super-feet, with an alternative loan of £60 for houses of 600 to 750 super-feet, and £100 for houses of 750 to 950 super-feet, free of interest, and repayable in ten years, with ten equal instalments, providing that any building that would qualify for either loan, free of interest, shall have been constructed in accordance with a specification submitted by the owner and approved by the Council before any buildings were commenced, and that the conditions governing the £60 grant from the Ministry of Home Affairs (Northern Ireland) are in every respect observed, and that the question of the raising of the money be left to the Finance and Law Committee to consider."

The Finance and Law Committee reported having considered the question of the raising of the loan for grants to persons building houses under the Housing Act of 1925, and they recommended the Council to ask the Ministry to sanction a loan of £10,000 for the purpose.

The recommendations of both Committees were adopted.

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BELFAST POOR RELIEF.

SPECIAL POWERS GRANTED TO GUARDIANS.

An Order of the Northern Ministry of Home Affairs enabling the Belfast Board of Guardians to grant relief to poor persons for a period of two months was outlined at yesterday's meeting of the Guardians. Mr. R. Andrews (chairman) presided, and at the conclusion of the reading of the announcement he said he was sure the Outdoor Relief Committee and the Guardians officers would carry out the Order to the satisfaction of everyone.

Under the Order of the Ministry, certain conditions are prescribed, as follows:—

(1) Relief granted under the authority of this Order shall be given at the Guardians' discretion to such persons being the heads of families ordinarily resident in any of the said district electoral divisions who, for reasons satisfactory to the Guardians, are not in receipt of or entitled to unemployment or any other State benefit, and who are unable to obtain employment.

(2) Such relief shall only be given after full inquiry into the circumstances of each case, and shall be in the form in which outdoor relief is usually given by the Guardians to persons eligible for such relief under Section 1 of the Poor Relief Extension Act, 1847 (10 Vic., Cap. 31).

(3) If after consideration of any case the Guardians consider it desirable they may offer indoor relief notwithstanding that outdoor relief might be granted under the Order.

The Guardians are authorised to appoint as many temporary relieving officers as may be found necessary for the effectual administration of relief under the Order.

A whale measuring twenty feet, believed to have been struck by the propeller of a steamer, has been captured off North Berwick.

RECOVERY OF RATES.

COUNSEL FAIL TO APPEAR IN CLONMEL ACTION.

Owing to the absence of counsel, the case of Clonmel Corporation v. Stokes and Quirke, listed for hearing before the Chief Commissioner in the Dail Eireann (Winding-up) Courts, Dublin, yesterday, was adjourned, with liberty to re-enter. The action is for close on £140, arrears of rates said to be due by the defendants, who are the well-known firm of auctioneers, of Parnell street, Clonmel, in respect of premises in Abbey street, Clonmel.

The case was opened originally in the Dail Circuit Court at Clonmel, and was adjourned to Dublin by the Chief Commissioner for argument on the legal points involved.

THE LATE MRS. CLINTON.

The funeral of Mrs. Clinton, wife of Archdeacon Clinton, and daughter of the late Mr. Robert Bailie, Shortstone, County Louth, took place at Donaghpatrick, County Louth, last Saturday, and was largely attended.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

SCALINO AGAIN.

MERRILY BEATEN BY A NECK.

LUDLOW AND CHELMSFORD FANCIES.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

WARWICK, Tuesday Night.

The hurdler Scalino, a full-brother to the disappointing Highlander, is one of the discoveries of the season. He won at Gatwick and Sandown last week, and this afternoon he came here, and in the Chandos Hurdle smashed up Southend and Embosa. Scalino, who is trained by J. T. Dodd, once a prominent jockey in France, was again ridden by Dodd, junior. The boy has only won on this colt, but he rode him this afternoon with the confidence of an old hand, and was in no way perturbed by the challenge of Hogan on Southend. Scalino had far too much speed for Mr. Kenyon's good 'chaser, and beat him comfortably by three-quarters of a length. Sir Thomas Stafford's Emboss finished third, four lengths away.

Mr. Kenyon and his trainer, Captain Davis, had a little consolation for the defeat of Southend when Down South, another Scalino annan horse, won the Upton Handicap Steeplechase later in the day. Hogan had the mount on this one, and, taking him to the front when they had gone half-way, he won with ridiculous ease, the indefatigable Mr. Bird being second on Dutch Doll, six lengths off.

MERRILY'S FAILURE.

The biggest gamble of the day was on Stanley Harrison's Merrily (a horse who used to be in the Clarehaven stable) in the Waterfall Hurdle. Ridden by Dick Rees, and backed down to 6 to 4, he never could get on terms with Waterford Glass, whose jockey clung on to his lead, and landed him a clever winner by a neck.

In the Amateurs' Steeplechase, Mr. D. D. Stewart, the young Welsh enthusiast, scored again on his mare Rockmeadow, whom he bought from Mr. C. F. P. Creed not long ago. He had a good set-to with Mr. Bisgood on Pam Nut, and beat him half a length. Mr. Hubert Hartigan ran Reahills here, and young Mr. Tennant had the mount; but in the last half-mile he was always a little outpaced, and never quite looked like winning.

LUDLOW AND CHELMSFORD TO-DAY.

The Ludlow and Chelmsford meetings are not important. Ben Cruchan is engaged in the Hurdle Steeplechase at Ludlow, but I believe is hardly likely to run. THE HEIR, who missed an engagement at Warwick, is a likely winner of this race. REDIMER, if sent for the Amateurs' Hurdle, might give Mr. Tennant a winning ride. The best thing of the day seems to be SQUIRE ERLEGH, in the Maldon Handicap Hurdle at Chelmsford.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

CHELMSFORD.

1.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Dundonald, 3 to 1 Jack Role, 9 to 2 Son o' Melton, 11 to 2 Glandorra, 7 to 1 Monkey Climb, 8 to 1 each Fairy Cross and Castle, 10 to 1 each Grandson and Oldments, 100 to 7 any other.

2. 0 Race—5 to 4 agst. Hungarian, 5 to 2 Telepathy, 5 to 1 Frocked, 6 to 1 Bimbia, 7 to 1 Imperial, 8 to 1 Bonne Race, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Squire Erlegh, 3 to 1 Rookwood, 7 to 2 Bimbia, 6 to 1 Manrico, 7 to 1 A.A., 10 to 1 Four Poster, 100 to 8 any other.

3. 0 Race—13 to 8 agst. Ned Carver, 3 to 1 Governor Wood, 4 to 1 Greek Vine, 6 to 1 Prince Florentine, 8 to 1 each The Moon and Captain Scott, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—2 to 1 agst. Greenogue, 11 to 4 The Bleeka, 4 to 1 Condor, 6 to 1 My Rath, 7 to 1 Perseverance, 8 to 1 James Pigg, 10 to 1 any other.

4. 0 Race—Evens Snow Lough, 5 to 2 Vocalion, 4 to 1 Fitzpicton, 6 to 1 Gappie, 7 to 1 Chillington, 10 to 1 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

CHELMSFORD.

1.30—Jack Role.
2. 0—Hungarian.
2.30—Squire Erlegh.
3. 0—Ned Carver.
3.30—Greenogue.
4. 0—Vocalion.
Double—Squire Erlegh (nap) and Greenogue.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Mirror :—Double—Ben Cruchan and Redmer (nap).

Daily News :—Double—Redmer and Hungarian.

Daily Graphic :—Double — Hungarian and The Downs.

Daily Express :—Double — Hungarian and Squire Erlegh. Safety bet—Hungarian.

Daily Chronicle :—Double—Hacklehampton and Redmer. "To Beat the Book"—Hacklehampton.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Squire Erlegh. Double—Squire Erlegh and Condor.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

R. O Male, the Welsh Rugby international fullback, and a Scottish friend were kicked and beaten by a gang of roughs on Saturday night in Prince's street, Edinburgh.

On inquiry at Warnford Hospital, Leamington, yesterday, it was ascertained that G. Wall, the jockey, who fell with Pumpado in the Novices' Steeplechase at Warwick on Monday, was still unconscious and that a specialist had been wired for to deal with the case.

Entries for the Governor-General's Cup, value 200 sovs., with 400 sovs. added, a weight-for-age steeplechase, to be run at Fairyhouse on the first day of the meeting, close on 20th inst. The cup is open for horses the property of officers on full pay or in the reserve of the regular forces of the armies, navies or air forces of Europe. Horses to be had from the Clerk of the Course, Mr. D. Mangan, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

City and Suburban, Epsom—Furious, at 9 a.m. yesterday.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

February Handicap Hurdle—Redhill, Flaming Sword, King Pippin.

Grand Alliee Steeplechase—Habton.

Clifton Selling Hurdle—Ribton, Bold Theo.

County Hurdle—Sunnyway.

Stockport Handicap—Fairy Hill II.

Manchester engagements—End o' Tale, La Corona, Russian Sable, Lansdale.

LINGFIELD MEETING.

Lingfield Meeting engagements—Hassock.

Lingfield Hurdle—Hassock.

Surrey Amateurs' Steeplechase—Devonport, Ardfour.

Manifesto Steeplechase—Nassby.

LUDLOW MEETING.

Castle Selling Hurdle—Antimagic, Snake Ash.

Caynham Handicap Hurdle—Simon's Light.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Maldon Handicap Hurdle, Chelmsford—Siman's Light.

Graveley Maiden Hurdle, Birmingham, and Hurdle, Hurst Park—Sunnyray.

All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Friday.

All engagements—Love Letter, Mask Man, Last Trick, Son o' Lee, Medicine Owl.

All engagements in Lieutenant-Colonel Parkinson's name—Brother Bill.

WARWICK RESULTS.

1.30—AMATEURS' 'CHASE HANDICAP of £120. Second, £15; third, £5. 3 m.

Mr. D. Stewart's b. m. ROCKMEADOW, by Coligney—Derfwrch, 6, 10-11 ..... Mr. Stewart 1
Capt. Speed's PAM NUT, a. 10-13 ..... Mr. Bisgood 2
Mr. D. Heneage's SORREL HILL, a. 10-10 ..... Mr. Parry 3

Also ran—Dwarf of the Forest (Owner), Snapper (Capt. McDougal), Bill Murphy (Owner), Reahills (Mr. Tennant), Ionian Ferry (Owner). Off 1.30. (Winner trained by Kirk.)

Betting—85 to 40 against Reahills, 5 to 2 each Snapper and Dwarf of the Forest, 8 to 1 Pam Nut, 10 to 1 bar three.

Won by half a length; three lengths. Snapper fell.

2.0—LIGHTHORNE 4-Y.O. HURDLE RACE (3.) of £100. Second, £25. 2 m.

Mr. G. Bennett's ROYAL SPORT, 10-7 ..... G. Duller 1

Mr. S. Stacey's PARAMOUNT CHIEF, 10-7 .....

Mr. R. Mitchell's PHŒNIX, 10-7 ..... Scott 2

Also ran—Whipping Boy (A. Smith), Gold Line (Mr. P. Dennis), Boy Mac (Smallpiece), Mr. Greenhill), Sylvia Scarlett (Scott), Sport of Kings (H. Bletsoe), Smerdis (A. Yates). Off 2.0. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. ROYAL SPORT, 9 to 4 Paramount Chief, 5 to 1 Boy Mac, 10 to 1 bar three.

Won by a head; three lengths. Sport of Kings fell.

The winner was sold to Mr. S. MacGregor for 80 gns.

2.30—HATTON 'CHASE H'CAP (5.) of £100. Second, £25. 2 m.

Capt. Cunard's br. g. SMASHAWAY, by Cupbearer—Colleen Bawn, a. 10-11 ..... R. Pullen 1
Mr. W. Rimmell's BEDFORD ROW, a. 10-10 ..... Morcan 2
Lord Killeen's SANCHO PANZA, a. 11-6 .....

Also ran—Tully (Donnelly), Drimnagle (A. Stubbs), Ben Bridge (Moroney), Ramble (A. Yates), Conelly (C. Kelly), Lord Ilnam (Stott), General (Gurney), Paraphine (Mr. Bridoland), Dean's Grange (James), Uboff (S. Jones), Blue Diamond (F. Brookes), Eager Prince (Duffy), Nikita (G. Betting—4 to 1 agst. Paranline, 9 to 2 Bedford Row, 5 to 1 SMASHAWAY, 6 to 1 each Blue Diamond and Nikita, 8 to 1 Sancho Panza, 100 to 7 bar six.

Won by two lengths; half a length.

The winner was sold to Mr. Parrish for 350 gns.

3.0—CHANDOS HURDLE RACE of £140. Second, £25; third, £10. 2 m.

Mr. J. Thornton's b. g. SCALINO, 5, 11-10 ..... J. Dodd 1
Mr. C. Kenyon's SOUTHEND, a. 11-10 ..... J. Hogan, jun. 2
Sir T. Stafford's EMBOSS, 6, 11-10 ..... F. Rees 3

Also ran:—Ditchley (F. Wootton), Flying Hero (J. Stanbridge), Broxa (J. Ward), O'Dreary (F. Leader), Milford (Bletsoe), Dry Gin (F. Brookes), Castille (J. Brookes). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by J. T. Dodd.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Scalino, 5 to 2 SCALINO, 3 to 1 Emboss, 7 to 1 Ditchley, 10 to 1 bar four.

Won by three-quarters of a length; four lengths. Castille fell.

3.30—UPTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of £120. Second, £15; third, £5. 2 m.

Mr. C. Kenyon's b. g. DOWN SOUTH, by Southannan—Supple Negress ..... J. Hogan, junior 1
Mrs. Bird's DUTCH DOLL, 6, 10-5 ..... Mr. T. Bird 2
Lord Westmorland's GRENHURST, a. 11-5 ..... E. Foster 3

Also ran—Broadway (D. Dick), Flushed (W. Gurney), Slovenly Saint (Moroney), Ballycastle (P. Brooks), Sandy (R. Burford), Nothing On (A. Escott). Off 3.30. (Winner trained by C. Davis.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. DOWN SOUTH, 4 to 1 Nothing On, 6 to 1 each Broadway and Flushed, 7 to 1 each Ballycastle and Grenhurst, 10 to 1 bar six.

Won by six lengths; three lengths.

Sandy and Slovenly Saint fell.

4.0—GAYDON HURDLE HANDICAP of £120. Second, £15; third, £5. 2 m.

Mr. H. Cope's b. g. WATERFORD GLASS II., by Watershed—Lady Mary, a. 10-10 ..... Mr. H. Hargreaves 1
Mr. H. Stacey's PERSHEEN, a. 11-10 ..... Smallpiece 3
Hon. Ivan—Sancroft (E. Wootton), Golly Eyes (J. Hogan, junior), Marchesi (Mr. Bisgood), Attaboy (Piggott), Lord Marshall (D. Dick), Watton Heath (Owner), Walton's Choice (Dullen). Off 4.0. (Winner trained by Newey.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Merrily, 3 to 1 Golly Eyes, 10 to 1 Perisheen, 7 to 1 WATERFORD GLASS II., 10 to 1 bar four.

Won by a neck; two lengths.

HOCKEY.

MUNSTER MINOR LEAGUE.

Midleton College 13
Cork Grammar School 0

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Three Rock Rovers "A" v. Shamrocks, at Foxrock at 3 o'clock.

RAILWAY UNION.—Practice to-day at 4 p.m.

OPTIMISTS L.H.C.—General practice to-day, Claremont road, 3.30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday the Optimists will be on tour in Belfast, when they will play Knock and Queen's University.

SHAMROCKS.—O'Connor; G. G. Jenkins, Rev. E. J. Devlin, G. Rooke, T. G. Webb, S. Webb, — Daly, — Peterson, R. R. Glanville, W. F. McDonagh, P. Gillespie.

Umpire—Mr. F. Scales.

ATHLETICS,

NATIONAL A. & C. ASSOCIATION.

COUNTY DUBLIN BOARD.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. P. Lynch (President), Mr. D. McAleese (Clonliffe Harriers) presided at the meeting of the Board held on Monday last, for registration were received from Castlevilla Harriers and Marge C and A.C. and confirmed. Letters were read from the principals of several schools re proposed Schools' Athletic League, but as several had not yet replied to the Hon. Secretary's letter on the subject, the matter was further considered to the next meeting. The scrutiny of entries for the Junior Cross-Country Championship, to be held over the Phœnix Park Racecourse on Saturday, 23rd inst., took place, and the draw for stations resulted as follows:—Station No. 1, Donore Harriers' "A" Team; No. 2, Great Southern and Western Railway Harriers; No. 3, Clonliffe Harriers' "B" Team; No. 4, Donore Harriers' "C" Team; No. 5, St. James's Gate Harriers; No. 6, Castlevilla Harriers; No. 7, Dublin University Harriers; No. 8, Marge C. and A.; No. 9, Dublin City Harriers; No. 10, Clonliffe Harriers' "A" Team.

The date of the Senior Championship was provisionally fixed for April 5th. It was decided to recommend to the Central Council that a permit be granted to Marge C. and A.C. for a sports meeting proposed to be held on Easter Sunday in aid of Fairview Church Restoration Fund.

BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. INMAN.

At the afternoon session yesterday at Bradford play was rather slow. Smith's best breaks were 171 and 110, and Inman's 105 and 81. Interval scores—Inman, 1,500; Smith, 2,841; Smith, 2,666.

At the evening session Smith, starting the session in play with an unfinished break, added 666 without Inman visiting the table. This is the first time that Smith has accomplished this, and the second time that Inman has sat through a session without having a stroke. Smith was in play with an unfinished break of 706 at the close of play. Closing scores—Inman, 2,841; Smith, 2,666.

GAELIC GAMES.

LEINSTER COLLEGES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rosecea and Multyfarnham will meet to-day at Croke Park in the semi-final of the Championship. In the light of previous contests, the match will be one of exceptional importance to followers of Gaelic pastimes in the colleges. Rosecea won the Hurling Championship from Kilkenny last season, and this year make their first appearance in a dual title. In October last, in the first round of the football competition, they met and defeated the brilliant team from St. Thomas' College, Droichead Nua, that had beaten St. Finian's, Mullingar, in the final of the 1922-3 championship. Droichead Nua had been well trained and well coached, and when they "went under" to Rosecea no little surprise was created.

Of equal surprise was the victory of Multyfarnham over the sturdy players from St. Finian's, Mullingar. Multyfarnham, previously unknown to the second round of the championship, outclassed them in November last, and thus qualified to meet Rosecea in this season's semi-final.

The game will commence at 2.15 p.m., and Mr. J. Fitzmaurice will referee. The following are the teams:—

Multyfarnham—P. Russell (capt.), C. Burkley, M. Dundon, T. Doyle, J. Macken, M. Moloney, K. Mathinal, D. Mitchell, J. O'Connor, F. O'Farrell, M. O'Sullivan, T. Quinn, J. Walsh, C. O'Shaughnessy, M. O'Leary. Subs.—P. O'Loughlin, Wm. O'Reilly, Jack Masterson, B. Maguire, Con O'Sullivan.

Rosecea—J. Bannon, B. P. Berney, W. Cleary, F. Darcy, J. Deering, W. Duggan, D. Fingleton, G. Griffin, J. Harnett, T. Langan, F. MacGaver, H. O'Donoghue, D. O'Keeffe, B. O'Reilly, J. R. Power, C. Ryan, R. Quish.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S CHELMSFORD MEETING

PAPER.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.	4.0 RACE.
Sportsman	Dundonald.	Hungarian.*	Squire Erlegh.	Ned Carver.	Condor.	Vocalion.
Man on the Spot.	Warrior.	Bonne Race.	Rookwood.	Ned Carver.	Greenogue.	Serington or Vocalion.
Sporting Life	Dundonald.	Bonne Race.	Squire Erlegh.*	Ned Carver.	Greenogue.	Snow Lough.
Man on the Spot.	Household Brigade.	Imperial.	Poole's selected.	Ned Carver.	Greenogue.*	Vocalion.
Westminster Gazette	Dundonald.	Hungarian.	Squire Erlegh.	Ned Carver.	Condor.	Snow Lough.
Daily News	Dundonald.	Hungarian.	Squire Erlegh.	Governor Wood.	Greenogue.	Snow Lough.
Daily Chronicle	Dundonald; if ab., Son o' Melton.	Romulea.	Poole's selected.	Rookwood.	Hacklehampton; if ab., Condor.	—
Daily Express	Bennett's selected; if ab., Son o' Melton.	Hungarian.*	Squire Erlegh.	Ned Carver; if ab., Governor Wood.	Greenogue; if ab., Condor.	Snow Lough.
Daily Mirror	Dundonald.	—	Squire Erlegh.	Governor Wood.	Greenogue.	—
Daily Graphic	Warrior.	Hungarian.	Rookwood.	Ned Carver.	Greenogue.	Snow Lough.
Star	Dundonald.	Dry Gin.*	Playful.	Governor Wood.	Condor.	Snow Lough.
Evening News	Household Brigade.	Imperial.*	Declare's Hope.	Governor Wood.*	Greenogue.	First Swallow.
Evening Standard	Scottish Knight.	Romulea.	Poole's selected.	Ned Carver.	Hacklehampton; if ab., Ned Carver.	Snow Lough.
Times	Dundonald; if ab., Household Brigade.	Hungarian.	Poole's selected.	Governor Wood.	—	Vocalion.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—February.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Dunshaughlin	.....
Saturday, 9th	9-Mile Stone	1.30
	THE KILDARE.	
Thursday, 7th	Kilkea	11. 0
Saturday, 9th	Betachstown Cross	11. 0
	THE MEATH.	
Thursday, 7th	Aclare	11. 0
Friday, 8th	Laracor	11. 0

WATKINS, 77 and 78 DAME ST., DUBLIN.—Hunting, Polo, and Racing Bootmaker and Leerzing Specialist. Boots to measure in one week. —(Advt.)

GOLF.

KILLINEY.—Ladies' Branch—Friday next, monthly medal. January box winner—Mrs. Fry, all square.

HERMITAGE G.C.—To-day (Wednesday) Cup. MALAHIDE.—The January monthly cup was won by R. Adams (17), 67, J. S. Murphy being the runner up with a net 70.

CARLOW HUNT RACES

Will be held on

APRIL 2nd, instead of MARCH 27th, as previously advertised, subject to sanction.

—(Advt.)

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer at 8 p.m.—30.20.

Wind and Weather—W to W.N.W. wind; fresh breeze; dull and overcast.

Dublin — Arrivals—Sa. Silevemore, ss. Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Tiger, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Ardmore, ss. Lady Kildare, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; ss. Brier Heysham, with goods; ss. Killala, ss. Saint Mirren, ss. Puffin, from Garston, with coals; ss. Rossmore, from Holyhead, light.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Snowdon, ss. Silevemore, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Tiger, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Ardmore, for Liverpool, with goods; ss. Yarrow, for Silloth, with coal; ss. Lady Martin, for London, with goods; ss. Sandra, for Waterford and Cork, with goods; ss. Clarelsland, for Manchester, with stone; ss. Silevemore, for Stockton-on-Tees, with coal; ss. Ethel, for Garston, with coal; ss. Rossmore, for Holyhead, with live stock; ss. Straide, for Whitehaven, light; ss. Silverfield, for Ormesheed, light; ss. Kingstown, for Liverpool, with goods; ss. Oglin, for Preston, with goods; ss. Thelma, for Manchester, with goods; ss. Queenie, for Garston, light; ss. E. Hayward, for Swansea, light; ss. Shaphire, for Dundon, light; ss. Sussette, for Partington, light; ss. Jewel, for Sharpness, light; ss. Ayr, light; ss. Saint Mungo, for Preston, light; ss. Saint Finian, for Actengrange light; ss. Oak, for Kilkeel, light; ss. Fodhla, for Fermoy, light.

LUDLOW.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

A nice drying wind for over a week has left the Ludlow track in excellent condition for galloping. As usual, entries are numerous, and fields will be of nice strength, for there is a good demand for stabling. So many horses are trained within easy distance of the course that the arrival list is strongly reinforced each morning. Only one event is over 100 sovs. value, this being the Stewards' Handicap Steeplechase. Many of the entrants are well acquainted with the course. Thanks to a stone penalty, Phaco holds top place. This should be an effective bar to his success, for he can hardly give 6lb. to Hairpin II. Neither The Heir, Down South, nor Snipe's Bridge is over-weighted, but Gristle holds them safe on his October running here, and should score again; if absent, Down South. Selections:—

Castle Hurdle—**Pivotal** or **Transform.**
Ferney Hall Steeplechase—**Wave For'ard.**
Bromfield Hurdle—**Vesuvius.**
Stewards' Steeplechase—**Gristle**; if absent, **Down South.**
Amateurs' Hurdle—**Pivotal** or **Reading.**
Beginners' Steeplechase—**Wild Times.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

1.30—CASTLE HURDLE H'CAP (3.) £100.

	Age. st. lb.
PIVOTAL (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) J. Reawick	a 12 4
FINISHER (Mrs. Mundy) ..D. Harrison	a 11 6
GLANCE (Capt. Powell) ..... Powell	a 11 6
GREY LADY (Capt. Renwick) ..... Renwick	a 10 7
(The above have arrived.)	
REPAID (Mr. Needham's) ..... Saxby	5 12 5
NAVAN BOY (Mr. H. Delmege) ..... Luby	a 12 2
BEACKING (Mr. E. Clark) ..... Collman	a 11 12
DUG MAJOR (Mr. T. Richardson) ..... Doyle	a 11 12
TRANSFORM (6lb. ex.) (Mr. J. Barry) ..... Barry	a 11 10
THE LOSSETT (Mr. C. Knapton) ..... Rogers	a 11 10
FABULUM (Mr. G. Parry) ..... Roberts	a 11 8
WILD DUCK (Mr. F. Williams) ..... Bullock	a 11 7
CALL THE GAME (Mr. H. Bruelon) ..... Bruton	a 11 7
FRIZBURY (Mr. O. Mosley) ..... Barthropp	a 11 4
THE COCK (Mr. — Cottrell) ..... Mosley	a 11 3
KING'S PLEASURE (Mr. Booth) ..... Gilbert	5 11 3
POOR TOM (Mr. H. Cope) ..... Private	a 11 2
CHUCK A PENNY (Mr. F. Kimberley) ..... Bullock	6 11 1
LITTLE GEM ROSE (Mr. R. Robb) ..... Robb	a 11 0
THE WISH (Mr. J. Moore) ..... Moore	a 10 13
HOLIDAY MAKER (Mr. — Lewis) ..... Moore	a 10 12
SALONA (Mr. G. Lawrence) ..... Private	a 10 12
DRINK LESS (Mr. H. A. Brown) ..... Private	5 10 11
FORTUNE (Mr. H. Cope) ..... Brown	5 10 11
WHIPPING BOY (Mr. M. Cummins) ..... Bullock	5 10 9
MBADOWCROFT (Mrs. A. Bickley) ..... Woodman	4 10 9
CRUMPLE (Sir F. Price) ..... Bickley	a 10 8
COCK EYE (Mr. W. Warner) ..... Gilbert	4 10 7
KING'S NORDLEY (Mr. E. Rutland) ..... Chamberlain	a 10 0

2.0—FERNEY HALL STEEPLECHASE H'CAP (5.), £100. 3 m.

FLY BOY II. (6lb. ex.) (Mr. F. Sharp) ..... Sharp	11 7
PRINCE CLIFTON (Mr. W. Taylor) ..... Hogan	a 11 11
THE ANTELOPE II. (Maj. Methuen) ..... Tehir	a 11 9
ICON (Mr. K. Mackay) ..... Powell	a 11 8
WAVE FOR'ARD (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Mackay	a 11 5
EDGELEY (Mr. J. Paterson) ..... J. Dodd	a 11 0
(The above have arrived.) ..... Paterson	a 10 10
GREENOGUE (Capt. Brinckman) ..... Nolan	5 10 7
PASTURES NEW (Mr. H. A. Thelwall) ..... Whitaker	a 12 7
CROISSANT D'OR (Mr. F. Wint) ..... Thelwall	a 12 6
CHANCE DIAMOND (Mr. R. Davis) ..... Wint	6 11 5
HAGUE (Mr. E. Morrison) ..... Morrison	a 11 0
MANISTER RUSTLE (Mr. J. Hogan) ..... Private	a 10 12

2.30—BROMFIELD HURDLE RACE, £100. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
VESUVIUS (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) J. Renwick	a 12 0
GARRETT (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Do.	a 12 0
HALLINUS (Miss Rodocanachi) ..... Powell	5 11 0
MONNALEE (Mr. M. Savill) ..... Savill	5 11 0
SILVER BAND (Captain Wilson) ..... Renwick	5 11 0
(The above have arrived.)	
SOUTHEND (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 12 10
PROSPERITY (Mr. — Cottrell) ..... Earl	a 12 0
ANARCHIST (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Powell	a 11 12
WING COMMANDER (Mr. J. Major) ..... Major	a 11 9
GHENT OF OLD (Brig.-Gen. Peel) ..... Westmorland	a 11 9
POMAR (Captain Pepper) ..... Coulthwaite	a 11 4
ORMOND BOY (Mr. W. Wallis) ..... Private	a 11 4
CAESAR V. (Mr. J. Sheddon) ..... Barthropp	a 11 4
YOUNG PERSEUS (Mr. J. Coltman) ..... Sheddon	a 11 4
MILLFORD (Mr. J. Jenkins) ..... Bletsoe	5 11 0
GOLDEN DUKE (Mr. T. Richardson) ..... Doyle	5 11 0
AQUILICIS (Mr. R. Robb) ..... Robb	5 11 0
SPARKLING EYES (Mrs. G. Robinson) ..... Woodman	5 11 0
ALD LANG SYNE (Mr. A. Scott) ..... Woodman	4 11 0
ILLSTON LASS (Mrs. A. Scott) ..... Woodland	4 11 0
SECOND CROP (Mr. H. Dennis) ..... Barthropp	4 10 9
PHAON (Lord Derby) ..... Coulthwaite	4 10 9
MUNSTER'S PRIDE (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ..... Saxby	4 10 9
KEPPLESTONE (Mr. A. Barclay Walker) ..... Coulthwaite	4 10 9

3.0—STEWARDS' 'CHASE HANDICAP. 2½ m.

	Age st. lb.
THE HEIR (Mr. H. Harrison) ..... H. Harrison	a 11 6
SNIPE'S BRIDGE (Capt. Thompson)	
LISSEN HALL (Mr. N. Greer) ..... Private	a 11 3
HARRY HART (Lord Donegall) ..... Private	6 10 12
FAIRFIELD (Mr. H. Denniss) ..... Private	6 10 6
LOCHAR (Capt. Wright) ..... Bunn	a 10 5
(The above have arrived.)	
PHACO (Lord Westmorland) (4lb. ex.) ..... Westmorland	a 12 13
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. Sanday) ..... Sanday	a 12 7
DOUBLE UP (Mr. A. Barclay Walker) ..... Brown	a 12 1
BEN CRUCHAN (Mr. P. Barbour) ..... Coulthwaite	a 12 1
ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ..... Coulthwaite	a 12 1
DOWN SOUTH (Mr. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 11 0
NAVINA (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 10 13
FLUSHED (Lt.-Col. Philipps) ..... Payne	a 10 13
GAY LOCHINVAR (Mr. G. Godson) ..... Gordon	a 10 10
TOYBOAT (Major Palmer) ..... Palmer	a 10 9
MISS BALSCADDEN (Mr. C. Ismay) ..... Hastings	5 10 9
SIMONIDES (Mr. M. Dobbyn) ..... Bletsoe	a 10 7
CHARLESTOWN (Mr. F. Phillips) ..... D. Harrison	a 10 7
PROTHILLO (Mr. J. Johnstone) ..... Coulthwaite	a 10 7
MISS MICAWBER (Mrs. Wallis) ..... Newey	a 10 5
DARKIN (Mrs. Hollins) ..... Payne	6 10 5
DARK DRAGON (Mr. — Morrison) ..... Payne	6 10 3
FALSE REPORT (Mr. C. Methven) ..... Powell	a 10 0

3.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' HURDLE H'CAP. 2 m.

MARCIA (Capt. Wilson) ..... J. Renwick	a 12 1
VESUVIUS (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) ..... Renwick	a 11 13
BUBBLY (Sir H. Webb) ..... D. Harrison	a 11 13
DOMAR (Capt. Pepper) ..... Private	a 11 7
THE DOWNS (Lt. Carley) ..... Powell	5 12 3
READING (7lb. ex.) (Mr. C. Cumming) ..... Woodman	6 11 12
PIVOTAL (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) J. Renwick	a 11 9
REDMER (Mr. Thompson) ..... Hehir	a 11 9
THE ANTELOPE II. (Maj. Methuen) ..... Tehir	a 11 9
ICON (Mr. K. Mackay) ..... Powell	a 11 8
WAVE FOR'ARD (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Mackay	a 11 5
EDGELEY (Mr. J. Paterson) ..... J. Dodd	a 11 0
(The above have arrived.) ..... Paterson	a 10 10
GREENOGUE (Capt. Brinckman) ..... Nolan	5 10 7
PASTURES NEW (Mr. H. A. Thelwall) ..... Whitaker	a 12 7
CROISSANT D'OR (Mr. F. Wint) ..... Thelwall	a 12 6
CHANCE DIAMOND (Mr. R. Davis) ..... Wint	6 11 5
HAGUE (Mr. E. Morrison) ..... Morrison	a 11 0
MANISTER RUSTLE (Mr. J. Hogan) ..... Private	a 10 12

2.30—BROMFIELD HURDLE RACE, £100. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
VESUVIUS (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) J. Renwick	a 12 0
GARRETT (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Do.	a 12 0
HALLINUS (Miss Rodocanachi) ..... Powell	5 11 0
MONNALEE (Mr. M. Savill) ..... Savill	5 11 0
SILVER BAND (Captain Wilson) ..... Renwick	5 11 0
(The above have arrived.)	
SOUTHEND (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 12 10
PROSPERITY (Mr. — Cottrell) ..... Earl	a 12 0
ANARCHIST (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... Powell	a 11 12
WING COMMANDER (Mr. J. Major) ..... Major	a 11 9
GHENT OF OLD (Brig.-Gen. Peel) ..... Westmorland	a 11 9
POMAR (Captain Pepper) ..... Coulthwaite	a 11 4
ORMOND BOY (Mr. W. Wallis) ..... Private	a 11 4
CAESAR V. (Mr. J. Sheddon) ..... Barthropp	a 11 4
YOUNG PERSEUS (Mr. J. Coltman) ..... Sheddon	a 11 4
MILLFORD (Mr. J. Jenkins) ..... Bletsoe	5 11 0
GOLDEN DUKE (Mr. T. Richardson) ..... Doyle	5 11 0
AQUILICIS (Mr. R. Robb) ..... Robb	5 11 0
SPARKLING EYES (Mrs. G. Robinson) ..... Woodman	5 11 0
ALD LANG SYNE (Mr. A. Scott) ..... Woodman	4 11 0
ILLSTON LASS (Mrs. A. Scott) ..... Woodland	4 11 0
SECOND CROP (Mr. H. Dennis) ..... Barthropp	4 10 9
PHAON (Lord Derby) ..... Coulthwaite	4 10 9
MUNSTER'S PRIDE (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ..... Saxby	4 10 9
KEPPLESTONE (Mr. A. Barclay Walker) ..... Coulthwaite	4 10 9

3.0—STEWARDS' 'CHASE HANDICAP. 2½ m.

	Age st. lb.
THE HEIR (Mr. H. Harrison) ..... H. Harrison	a 11 6
SNIPE'S BRIDGE (Capt. Thompson)	
LISSEN HALL (Mr. N. Greer) ..... Private	a 11 3
HARRY HART (Lord Donegall) ..... Private	6 10 12
FAIRFIELD (Mr. H. Denniss) ..... Private	6 10 6
LOCHAR (Capt. Wright) ..... Bunn	a 10 5
(The above have arrived.)	
PHACO (Lord Westmorland) (4lb. ex.) ..... Westmorland	a 12 13
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. Sanday) ..... Sanday	a 12 7
DOUBLE UP (Mr. A. Barclay Walker) ..... Brown	a 12 1
BEN CRUCHAN (Mr. P. Barbour) ..... Coulthwaite	a 12 1
ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ..... Coulthwaite	a 12 1
DOWN SOUTH (Mr. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 11 0
NAVINA (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..... C. Davis	a 10 13
FLUSHED (Lt.-Col. Philipps) ..... Payne	a 10 13
GAY LOCHINVAR (Mr. G. Godson) ..... Gordon	a 10 10
TOYBOAT (Major Palmer) ..... Palmer	a 10 9
MISS BALSCADDEN (Mr. C. Ismay) ..... Hastings	5 10 9
SIMONIDES (Mr. M. Dobbyn) ..... Bletsoe	a 10 7
CHARLESTOWN (Mr. F. Phillips) ..... D. Harrison	a 10 7
PROTHILLO (Mr. J. Johnstone) ..... Coulthwaite	a 10 7
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PROSPECTUS.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The LIST will be CLOSED on or before MONDAY, the 11th FEBRUARY, 1924.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

5 P.C. IN CRIBED STOCK, 1935-1945.

ISSUE OF £2,000,000.

PRICE OF ISSUE ..... £98 PER CENT.

Interest payable 1st June and 1st December.

A Coupon for £1 per cent., being interest on the instalments, will be due 1st June, 1924.

The Government of Western Australia having complied with the requirements of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, as announced in the "London Gazette" of 9th May, 1922, trustees may invest in this Stock subject to the provisions set forth in the Trustee Act, 1893.

Westminster Bank Limited is instructed by the Government of Western Australia to offer for subscription the above amount of Stock.

The proceeds of this issue will be used for Railways, Harbours, Water Supply, Advances to Settlers, and other purposes.

Western Australia Government Debentures and Inscribed Stock issued and payable in London and the interest thereon the property of persons not domiciled in Western Australia are not, and will not be subject to any taxes, duties, or levies by that State.

A sinking fund at the rate of one-half per cent. per annum will be provided. The accumulated sinking funds invested in the names of trustees in London now amount to nearly £9,000,000.

The revenues of the State of Western Australia alone are liable in respect of this Stock and the dividends thereon, and the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are not directly or indirectly liable or responsible for the payment of the Stock or of the dividends thereon, or for any matter relating thereto—40 and 41 Vict., Cap 59, Sec. 19.

Applications will be received at Westminster Bank Limited, Lothbury, and must be for even hundreds of Stock, and be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per cent. on the nominal amount applied for.

Payment will be required as follows viz.:—

£5	per cent. on application.	
£23	"	19th February, 1924.
£50	"	11th March, 1924.
£40	"	14th April, 1924.
£98		

Payment in full may be made after allotment, and discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum will be allowed from 19th February, 1924, or from any subsequent date.

Full Prospectuses can be obtained at Westminster Bank Limited, 41 Lothbury, London, E.C. 2; 21 Lombard street, London, E.C 3; 4 Bartholomew lane, London, E.C. 2, or at any of the Branches of the Bank; at the Ulster Bank Limited, Belfast, and Branches of that Bank; and of Messrs. R. Nivison and Co., Bank Buildings, Princes street, London, E.C. 2, and the Agent-General for Western Australia, Savoy House, Strand, London, W.C. 2

THIS FORM MAY BE USED.

FORM OF APPLICATION

For

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 5 P.C. INSCRIBED STOCK, 1935-1945.

To WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED, (19) HEAD OFFICE, 41 LOTHBURY, London, E.C. 2.

I/we hereby apply for £..... nominal of the 5 per cent. Inscribed Stock, 1935-1945, according to the Prospectus of the 6th February, 1924, and undertake to pay £98 for every £100 of Stock, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to me/us, and to pay for the same in conformity with the terms of the said Prospectus. I/we enclose the required deposit of £..... being £5 per cent. on the nominal amount applied for.

SIGNATURE

(Please write distinctly)

NAME (IN FULL) .....

(Block letters.) (State if Mr., Mrs. or Miss.)

ADDRESS (IN FULL) .....

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February, 1924.

UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL GOVERNMENT 7½ P.C. (COFFEE SECURITY) LOAN OF 1922.

Messrs N. M. ROTHSCHILD AND SONS

are instructed by the Government of the United States of Brazil to give notice that they are prepared to receive

TENDERS OF BONDS

of the above Loan still outstanding.

Tenders for Sale of Bonds, with the coupon, due the 1st of April, 1924, and thereafter attached at a price to be stated in the tenders, must be lodged not later than 3.30 p.m. on Friday, the 15th day of February, 1924, with Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons, in London.

All tenders must be made on forms obtainable at the office of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons, New-court, Saithing's lane, E.C. 4, and must be accompanied by a deposit either of the Bonds tendered or 10 per cent. of their face value in cash.

The deposit and tender must be lodged in a sealed envelope marked "Tender of Bonds of the United States of Brazil Government 7½ p.c. (Coffee Security) Loan of 1922."

Where a tender is accompanied by a cash deposit, and the relative Bonds are not lodged with Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons within 14 days of the acceptance of such tender, the cash deposit will be liable to forfeiture.

Tenders will be opened in London on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1924, and the result will be notified by letter on or before Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1924, and the purchase money in respect of the accepted tenders will be payable at the office of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons five clear days after acceptance, in the case of tenders accompanied by a deposit of the Bonds, and in other cases five clear days after delivery of the Bonds to Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons. The right is reserved to accept or reject any tender as regards all or any of the Bonds comprised therein.

Messrs. Dillon, Read and Co. are issuing a similar notice in New York.

Dated 5th February, 1924.

New-court, St. Swithin's Lane, E.C. 4.

PROFITS FOR RAND MINES FOR JANUARY.

City Deep, £73,552 (£65,331); Consolidated Main Reef, £18,641 (£16,646); Crown Mines, £113,102 (£123,862); Durban Roodepoort Deep, £9,376 (£8,387); Ferreira Deep, £5,018 (£5,203); Geldenhuis Deep, £5,734 (£5,056); Modderfontein, £155,416 (£143,532); Nourse Mines, £10,224 (£8,358); Robinson, £3,615 (£4,029); Rose Deep, £17,702 (£17,972); Village Deep, £17,013 (£19,607); Wolhuter, £3,690 (£3,325).

Durban Roodepoort Deep—Decreased profit, due to cost of additional development.

Simmer and Jack, £6,707 (£8,048); Robinson Deep, £42,197 (£41,269); Sub Nigel, £8,857 (£8,138); Modderfontein Deep, £76,750 (£11,056); Geduld, £50,039 (£48,432); Government Areas, £202,270 (£195,481); Langlaagte Estate, £33,643 (£32,914); New Primrose, £1,788; State Areas, £30,026 (£33,140); Randfontein Central, £65,053 (£50,090); Van Ryn Deep, £77,021 (£66,087); Witwatersrand, £21,119 (£11,519); Witwatersrand Deep, £9,524 (£10,130).

(December profits are given in parentheses.)

INDIAN GOLD PROFITS FOR JANUARY.

Champion Reef, £4,226. Goregum Gold Mining, £8,899. Mysore Gold, £10,378. Balaghat Gold, £3,703.

BANKS.

THE

STANDARD BANK

OF SOUTH AFRICA (LIMITED)

(with which is incorporated the

AFRICAN BANKING CORPORATION, LTD.).

Bankers to the Government of the Union of South Africa in the Cape Province, to the Imperial Government in South Africa, and to the Administration of Rhodesia.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£10,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	£8,916,660
PAID-UP CAPITAL	£2,229,165
RESERVE FUND	£2,893,335
UNCALLED CAPITAL	£6,687,495
	£11,809,995

HEAD OFFICE—10 Clements lane, Lombard st., London, E.C. 4.

London Wall Branch—63 London Wall, E.C. 2.
West End Branch—9 Northumberland avenue, W.C. 2 (opposite the Royal Colonial Institute)

New York Agency—67 Wall street.
Hamburg Agency—Bank of British West Africa, Ltd., 49-53 Schasenburger Strasse.

OVER 320 BRANCHES, SUB-BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

EXECUTORSHIPS AND TRUSTEESHIPS UNDERTAKEN.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED for fixed periods at rates which may be ascertained on application.

Every facility afforded for the development of trade with all parts of South and East Africa, the United States of America, and the Continent of Europe.

Documentary Credits Arranged. *Enquiries Invited.*

COMPANY NOTICES.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the Books of this Company will be Closed against the registration of transfers of Consolidated Ordinary and Preference Stocks on and from 16th to and including 28th February, 1924.

R. B. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

Secretary's Office, Westland Row Station, Dublin, 4th February, 1924.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

NATIONAL LOAN GOOD. BANK STOCK AGAIN SCARCE. GUINNESS DULL. RAILS FLUCTUATING. OILS GOOD. TOBACCOS AND TEXTILES STEADY.

There was an improved volume of dealing in some sections of securities on Change yesterday. Government National 5 p.c. Loan was in good demand, with improvements in the "instalment" sections. British Funds were fairly busy. Bank of Ireland Stock again advanced, but Royals were the turn lower, Breweries and Distilleries were steady, with Guinness Ord. at one time supported at last price, but later prices eased, and the Pref. at higher levels. Power and Son Pref. were also in request and higher; Marconi shares were a trifle harder, as also Radio shares. Home Rails were mostly firm and higher, but Great Northern and "Mullingar" Stock gave way; while Cork and Bandon Stock rose nearly 3 points. Parent Tyre Pref. closed firm. Tobaccos were firm. Burke Debs. were higher, and *Irish Times* Pref. again improved. Oils were firm, and *Daily Mail* Trust Debs. were in request.

In National 5 p.c. Loan the fully paid on application again fetched 98, while the £60 paid Scrip rose ¼ to 1¼ prem., and the Instalment fully paid ¼ to 98 ex coupon.

In British Funds, Consols fell ⅛ to 56, ⅛; ⅛; War Loan 5 p.c., ⅛ to 100⅜; and Irish Land 3 p.c., ⅛ to 65½; but Funding Loan rose ⅜ to 88¼, and Conversion Loan, ⅛ to 76⅝; while Irish Land 2½ p.c. repeated 58, and India 3½ p.c. 64½; Local Loans realised 64½.

There were buyers for most Bank shares. Bank of Ireland Stock rose 2 to 274. Hibernians were firm at 7¼, and Provincials at 21⅛. Royals eased ¼ to 14⅞, and Nationals finally rose ⅛ to 19½.

Among Breweries and Distilleries Guinness Ord. fell ¼ to 40½, after opening at 40⅝, but the Pref. rose ⅛ to 111½, after opening at 111. J. Power and Son Pref. rose 3⅛ to 21s., and Castlebellingham Pref. repeated 5½.

Marconi Ord. rose 3d. to 39s., and Radio Common 3d. to 19s. 3d.

Home Rails were better on balance. Cork and Bandon rose 2½ to 33. Great Northern Pref. 1½ to 62, and Great Southern Debs. ¼ to 72⅜, but Great Northern Ord. fell ½ to 66½, and Midland Great Western Ord. ½ to 37. London, Midland and Scottish Stock realised 106⅜, and Dublin and South-Eastern, City of Dublin Junction Guaranteed repeated 55.

In Tramways Dublin United 3½ p.c. "B" Debs. rose ½ to 68⅜.

Parent Tyre Pref. rose 3d. to 13s., and Dunlop Rubber Ord. 1½d. to 8s. 3d.

Alliance Gas were bid for at 7.

In Bakery shares, Boland Debs. repeated 6, and in Drapery shares Henry street Warehouse repeated 12s.

British and Irish Steam Pref. changed hands at 15s. 6d., 15s. 7½d.

Among Manufacturing shares, British-American Tobacco opened 3d. higher at 104s. 9d., but later eased back again to 104s. 6d. Imperials were a shade better at 72s. 1½d., 72s. Bradford Dyers rose 3d. to 72s. 3d., and Spinners 7½d. to 43s. 9d.; but Coats "B" Pref. fell 3d. to 23s. 6d. and Cotton Ord. repeated 50s 1½d. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. repeated 20s. 9d.

As regards Trading, etc., E. and J. Burke Ordinary repeated 62s., but the Debs. rose ½ to 84½, *Irish Times* Pref. 1s. to 68s., Findlater Debs. 4s. 6d. to 50s.

Other business included *Daily Mail* 7 p.c. Debs., which rose to 100⅜. Shells realised 96s. 3d. 96s., and Mexican Eagle Oil rose 2s. 9d. to 20s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked * e.x.

National Loan...(98)	98	M.G.W. Ord.....(37½)	37
Do. £50 paid		Cork-Bandon ...(30¾)	33
Do. Instalment (f.p.)		D.S.E. Guar....(65)	68
	(93¼)	94 x.c.	G.S.W. Deb....(72½)	72¾
Consols ...(56⅛)	56⅜	⅞	Dublin Trans B Deb.	
5% War Ln.(100⅛)	100⅜		Parent Pref.....(12⅞)	13/-
4% War Bonds.....(100)			Alliance Gas.....(7⅛)	7b
Funding Loan.(87½)	88⅛		Bolands Deb.....(6)	6
Conver. Loan.(76⅛)	*76⅜		Henry Street...(12½)	12/-
2½ Land Act....(58)	58		Brad. Dyers...(62/-)	62/3
3% Land Act....(53½)	53⅝		Coats B Pref.(25/9)	23/6
Local Loans...(64)	64⅜		Cottons .....(50)	50
Spinners .....(44½)	44/9		Irish Times Pref.	
B.A.T....(104/6)	104/9	/5		
Imperial Tobacco			Findlater Deb.	
	(71/10½)	72/1¼	2/-	
Lever 7% .....(20/9)	20/9			
Burke Ord.....(62½)	62½			
Do. Deb.				
Castlebellingham Brew.				
Pref. .....(64)	64			
Guinness .....(40¾)	40⅞			
Do. Pref...(111¾)	111⅞			
Power Pref..(20/9)	*21/-			
B. & I. Steam...18/6	/7½		*Daily Mail* Deb.....100⅜	
Marconi .....(38/9)	39/-		Dunlops .....(8/1)	*8/3
Radio Com....(19/-)	19/3		Mex. Eagle...(17/6)	20/3
G.N. Ord.....(67)	66⅝		Shells .....(96½)	96⅜ 6/-
Do. Pref.....(60½)	62			6/3 6/-
L.M.S. Ord. .....(106)				

*Odd lot; b bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount ..... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit ..... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day ..... | Feb. 18
General contango day ..... | Feb. 19
Ticket day ..... Feb. 6 | Feb. 20
Account day ..... Feb. 7 | Feb. 21

BELFAST.

Exchange was firmer yesterday, although fewer transactions were recorded. War Loan advanced to 100⅛; Conversion Loan brought 75⅞. Northern Bank "A" brought 5⅞. Belfast Corporation 5 p.c. Stock 100½, and 6 p.c. 5½ p.c. Stock repeated 102. Coats Ord. unchanged at 63s. 4½d. York Street Flax Spinning Co. 7 p.c. Pref. advanced 3d. to 21s. 3d. Dunvilles 11½. British-American Tobacco Ord. advanced 1s. 3d. to 105s. 3d.; Imperial Tobacco 72s. 3d. White, Tomkins and Courage Ord. repeated 24s. 6d.

TEA SHARES.

Market still strong and prices rising. Anglo-Ceylon Estates, 51/4½+1½d.; Ceylon Plant, 82/6-1/3; Chargola, 8s/3+9d.; Con. T. and L. Ord., £4/3/6-£3; Doorns, 75/6—6d.; Dunkeld, 78/4½+1½d.; E. Assam, £28½+1/8; East Prod., 61/6+3d.; Imperial Ord., 44/7½+10½d.; Jetinga Valley, 45/6+2/-; Jokai, 75/6+6d.; Lebong, 61/6+3/-; Nedeem, 65/6+6d.; Singlo Ord., 70/-+1/-.

Business done.—Ceylon, 82/6; Chargola, 8s/-, 9/3, 6d., 8/3; Chabwa, 31s. 3d., 1s. 1r Consolidated, 41s. 1r, 3s. 2r; Dimbula Valley, 55/-, 6d., 56/-; Doorns, 76/3, 5/-, 6d.; Doom Doomba, 77/6, 8/6, 9/-, 3d., 9d., 4½d.; Empire of India, 66/6, 8/-, 6/4½, 8/-, 7/6, 6/9, 7/3, 6/-; General Assam, 41s. 1r; Imperial, 44/7½, 5/-, 6d., 5/-, 4/10½, 7½d.; Jokai Assam, 75/10½, 6/3, 5/9, 6/7, 3d., 7/-, 8/6; Jorehaut, 79/3, 3/3½, 3/2, 6d.; Kelani Valley, 66/9, 6d., Nedeem, 66/9, 6/7½, 3d., 9d., 5/4½, 8½d., 6d.; Borelli, 77/6, 7/-, 10½d., 8/6; Borjan, 75/9, 6/-; Dejoo, 83/6, 6/-; Pabulana, £3 16/-, 5½, 4½; Pandan, 19/-, 14½; Penicock and Nilambe, 3/2½, 3d.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

CROWE, WILSON AND CO.—7 per cent. per annum (3 2-5d. per share), free of tax, and £5,943 forward, against 8 per cent. (9 3-5d. per share), and £7,368 forward a year ago.

SMYTH AND CO.—5 per cent. on Ord. Shares for the year 1923, against 10 per cent. for 1922; £1,000 to reserve and £1,988 forward.

ALTRINCHAM GAS.—Dividend of 9/3, less tax, on Original, and 7/- per share, less tax, on New.

BASS, RATCLIFF AND GRETTON, LTD.—Interim dividend on the Ord. Shares of 5 p.c., tax free. At the corresponding period last year the distribution was the same.

DALMELLINGTON IRON.—Interim dividend of 6d. per share, being at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, free of tax, on Ordinary.

DICKINS AND JONES.—Final dividend of 10 per cent. for the half-year, making 7 per cent. for the year on Ord. Shares.

ELECTRICAL AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.—Dividend of 1/6 per cent. on Def. Ordinary Shares.

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MERCANTILE INVESTMENT AND GENERAL TRUST.—Final dividend of 6½ per cent. actual on Ordinary Stock.

SCOTTISH STANDARD REVERSIONARY.—Dividend of 5 per cent., less tax.

SHIPLEY COLLIERIES.—Final dividend for the year, of 5 per cent., less tax.

STEEL DEVELOPMENTS.—Final dividend of 3 per cent., free of tax.

ST. JAMES AND PALL MALL ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.—Balance dividends for the year ending 31st December, 1923.—Pref. Shares, 3/6 per share; Ord. Shares, 7/6 per share, with a bonus of 5/- per share, making, with the interim dividend paid thereon, a total distribution of 17½ per cent. for the year.

TORANGIE SUMATRA RUBBER AND PRODUCE ESTATES.—Dividend for the year of 5 per cent., less tax.

WANARAJAH TEA.—Final dividend of 25 per cent., making 35 per cent. for the year.

WHARNCLIFFE SILKSTONE COLLIERY.—Final dividend of 5 p.c. actual, less tax.

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ST. JAMES AND PALL MALL ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.—Balance dividends for the year ending 31st December, 1923.—Pref. Shares, 3/6 per share; Ord. Shares, 7/6 per share, with a bonus of 5/- per share, making, with the interim dividend paid thereon, a total distribution of 17½ per cent. for the year.

TORANGIE SUMATRA RUBBER AND PRODUCE ESTATES.—Dividend for the year of 5 per cent., less tax.

WANARAJAH TEA.—Final dividend of 25 per cent., making 35 per cent. for the year.

WHARNCLIFFE SILKSTONE COLLIERY.—Final dividend of 5 p.c. actual, less tax.

OIL OUTPUT.

Trinidad Leaseholds. — Oil produced during January, 17,200 tons. Oil purchased during January, 9,750 tons.

LONDON STOCKS ERRATIC.

STRONG OPENING AND WEAKER CLOSE.

The Stock markets had a strong opening yesterday morning, but a rather irregular tendency developed, the volume of business being too small to maintain prices, while there was a disposition to profit-snatching. Towards the close the tone showed a decided improvement. In the gilt-edged market British Funds were inclined to show weakness on the underwriting of a new Australian loan, but the only change recorded was a fall of ¼ to 76¾ in the Conversion Loan.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were fairly active, but uncertain. French Loans closed unchanged. Japanese Bonds were firm; the 4½ p.c. at 114 and the 4 p.c. at 93 both rose 2 points. Brazil 4 p.c. gained a point at 44. Peruvian Corp. Deb. rose 1 to 96, but the Pref. at 27 fell ½. Chinese 5 p.c. of 1896 fell a point to 92. Mexican Fives fell 1 to 52½, and the 6 p.c. 1 to 62½.

HOME RAILS were inclined to improve, but business was small. Great Westerns at 110½ rose ½. London and North-Eastern at 85½ rose ½, and the Def. Ord. at 33½ gained ½. Southern Pref. Ord. rose ½ to 85, and the Def. Ord. ½ to 40½. Met. at 76 rose ½. London, Midland and Scottish Ord. fell 1 to 82

COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILWAYS were steady, and several advances were recorded. "Canpacs," however, closed without change. In Argentines, B.A.G.S. rose 1 to 89, Pacifics ½ to 80½, Westerns 1 to 79, and Centrals 1 to 77. Entre Rios Ord. gained ½ at 17½. Leos gained 1½ at 27. San Paulo Ord. rose a point to 150½. United Havana at 85 rose ½. Mexican Rails added ½ at 9, and the 8 p.c. Pref. rose 1 to 25. Grand Trunk Pacific Debs. fell 1 to 43.

OIL SHARES VERY ACTIVE.

SHARP RISES IN THE LEADERS.

A continuance of active dealing was witnessed in the Oil share market yesterday, the volume of transactions being quite as large as on the preceding day. An early start was made, and during the first hour an enormous business was put through. Although about mid-day the market boiled over and a setback occurred under pressure of profit-taking sales, fresh bidding ensued and the upward course of quotations was resumed. Dealings were again in progress in the street until a late hour, and at the end a strong tone prevailed, with prices showing appreciable improvements practically throughout the list. In view of the fact that the bulk of the contango business had been done on the preceding day, the arrangement of the carry-over was soon decided. The open position showed an increase, and in the case of Shells, Steaua Romana and Phœnix a fairly large bull position was revealed. On the other hand, there were takers of V.O.C. Holdings and Anglo-Persians. The general rate for the continuance of bargains was 6-7 p.c. Shells, however, were arranged on the basis of 5-4½ p.c., Royal Dutch 4½ p.c., Mexican Eagles Ord. 4-5 p.c., and British Controlled 5-6 p.c. No difficulty was encountered in the arrangement of the carry-over. Among the leaders, Shells once more provided an outstanding feature of activity, and the shares continued to change hands in large numbers. From the overnight level of 4¾ they fell at one time on profit-taking sales to 4⅝, but from this point a steady improvement took place, the shares being bid up to 4⅞ in the late dealings, which left them ⅛ up on the day. Some fairly wide fluctuations occurred in Royal Dutch. Starting at 41, they fell to 40¾, rose again to 41, only to recede again to 40¾. In the afternoon fresh support was received, buying being reported from New York, and an advance occurred to 41¼, at which they closed in the "street," the day's business resulting in a further gain of ⅛. Transactions in Mexican Eagles were on a fairly large scale, the shares start at 19s. 4½d. being followed by a decline to 18s. 9d. Later they rose to 21s. on Paris support, but slipped back again to 19s. 10½d., while in the late dealings an improvement occurred to 20s. 4½d., at which they closed, showing a gain of 1s. 4½d. The 8 p.c. Prefs. rose 5/8 to 20s. 3d., and the 5 p.c. Prefs. were bid for and put on 9d. at 14s. 9d. Anglo-Persians, after touching 3¼, finished ⅛ up at 3⅛, the New Shares gaining a like fraction at 3, while the 9 p.c. Prefs. improved to 24s. 3d. Burmahs fluctuated between 5¼ and 5⅛, closing with a gain of ⅛ at 5⅛, and the 5 p.c. Prefs. hardened to 24s. 3d. Closing prices :—

M.U.			
Feb. 5.			
30	Agwi Petroleum	40	50/-
—	Anglo-American	4½	4⅝ x ⅜
2¼	Anglo-Ecuadorian	2½	2⅝ x ⅜
2/6	Anglo-Egyptian 1/- ...	2/6	2/9 x
23/3	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c. ...	23/0	23/6
24/0	Do. ½ p.c. 2nd Pref...	24/0	24/6 +0/3
3/0	Do. Ord., issued 3d. p.s.		3⅛ x ⅛
—	Do. 5 p.c. Deb. Pref.	87	89
2½	Apex Trinidad	2½	2⅝ x ⅜
2/6	Asiatic	2/6	2/9
4/-	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)...	4/-	4/3
9/0	British Burmah (8/-) ...	9/3	9/9 +1/0
87/6	British Controlled	87/6	90/- +2/6
—	Do. Pref.	87/6	91/- +2/6
5/6	Burmah	5⅛	5⅜ x ⅛
21/0	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	24/6	24/9 +0/3
11/0	Caltex	11/0	12/0 +0/3
12/0	Ducia Romano	12	13/-
4⅞	Do. Preferred	4⅞	4⅝
100	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	99	101 x ⅛
101	Do. Bearer	100½	101½ x ⅛
2/6	Gaiser Grinfield Jo. ...	2/6	2/9
—	Indo Burmah	6/3	6/9
19/3	Kern River (10/-)	19 10½	20 4½ +10½
2/6	Kyshtim	2/6	2/9 +0/3
19/0	Mexican Eagle	20/1½	20/4½ +1/4½
18 10½	Do. Pref.	18 9	20/0 +1/3
14 10½	Do. Pref.	14 9	15/0 +0/3
—	North Caucasian (10/-)...	—	½
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6
3/9	Pera Syndicate	3 7½	4 4½ +0 4½
22/0	Phœnix	21/6	22/6 +0/6
1/3	Premier Oil	1/0	1/6
—	Rumanian Consolidated.	1/0	1/6
4/-	Royal Dutch	41	41¼ x ⅜
1 1½	Scottish American	1/3	1/6
9/-	Shell Transport	9/-	9/3
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10).	—	9/-
2/0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2/0	2/6
4/0	Spies (10/-)	4/0	4/6
10/0	Steaua Romana	10/-	11/-
6/9	Taskers Pref.	6/9	7/0
1/3	Trinidad Lease	1/3	1/6
1/9	Trinidad Lease	1½	1¾ x
8/9	United Brit. Trinidad ..	8/-	9/-
1/3	Ural Caspian	1/3	1/6
3/9	Urez Oil	4/9	5/3 +0 4½
1/0	V.O.C. Holdings	1/0	1/6 x ⅜
1/9	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1/9	2/3

BUSINESS DONE.

Agwi Corp. "A"—1/4, 1/4; *1/3, 1/5/-, 14/8d., 4½d., 1/4, 1/4; Anglo-American New—43/9, 4/-, 5/7½, *5/1½, 5/-. Anglo-Egyptian "B"—26/3, 7/6, 11d., 6/10½, 7/9, 8/1½, 5d., 7/6, 6/5. Anglo-Persian Ord.—6/0, 1/10½, 2/9½, 6d., 1/3, 3/1½, *59/9, 4½d., 63/1½, 60/7½, 60/-. 8 p.c. Pref.—23/6, 4½d. British Controlled Com.—6/7½, 10½d., 9d., 6/4d., 6d., 10½d., 8½d., do. Pref. 9/-, 9/-, 8/9½, 7½d., 4½d., 10½d., 9½, 8/4½, 7½d., 6d., 10½d., 5½d. Burmah—5⅛, 5⅜, 17/64, ⅜, ⅛, 17/64, ⅜. Kern River—19/7½, 3d., 2½d., 19/10½, 6d., *19/-, 20/-, 19/4½. Lobito—(x.d.) 7½, ⅜, *7, £7 1/9, 7½, ⅜, ⅜. Mexican Eagle Ord.—18/10½, 19/-, 3d., 18/7½, 8d., 19/2½, 6d., 11½d., 20/7½, 20/-, 1/6, 18/9, 20/7½. do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.—14/3d., 4½d., 3d., 14d., 6d., 14/-, 9½d., 7½d. Phœnix Oil—21/10½, 2/-, 1/-, 2/9, 3d., 6d., 4½d., 1/7½, 6d., *3d., 2/-, 7½d., 14d., 1/6, 1/-, 2/3. Royal Dutch—40¾, 1, 40¾, ⅜, 1, 40¾, ⅜, ⅜, *40⅞, 41, 41⅛, 5/7½, 6/-, 6/10½, 7/2½, 6/10½, *8/1½, 6/3, 5/7½, *7/7½, 5/-, 7/3d., 6/7½, 5/6. Trinidad Leaseholds—33/9, 5/-, 4½d., 8½d., 3/6, 14d., 4/9½, *4½d., 4½d., Urez—4/6, 5/-, 3d., 2d., 4/9½, 5/6, 4½d., 7½d., 8½d., 5/-. **V.O.C. Holdings**—37/2½, 5/7½, 6/-, 6d., 5/11½, 3½d., 6/3. (*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

IRISH TRAFFICS.

Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland).—Receipts week ended 1st February, 1924—Passenger train receipts, £17,720 (1923, £18,850), decrease, £1,103; goods train receipts, £21,280 (1923, £21,175), increase, £105. Total, £39,000 (1923, £40,025), decrease, £1,025. Aggregate for five weeks £178,080 (1923, £182,150), decrease £4,070.

Great Southern and Western Railway.—Week ended 1st February, 1924—Passengers, parcels, mails, etc., £20,630 (1923, £15,582), increase, £5,048; merchandise and live stock, £51,699 (1923, £38,069), increase, £3,630. Total for the week, £52,328 (1923, £43,651), increase, £8,678. Aggregate of five weeks to date, £263,995 (1923, £219,817), increase, £46,766.

Midland Great Western of Ireland.—Week ending 1st February, 1924—Passengers, parcels, etc., and mails, £2,255 (1923, £8,319), decrease, £64; merchandise, £10,153 (1923, £10,062), increase, £91; live stock, £4,407 (1923, £4,341), increase, £66; miscellaneous, £90 (1923, £167), decrease, £77. Total for week, £32,905 (1923, £32,829), increase, £16. Aggregate to date £99,208 (1923, £104,036), decrease, £4,613.

Dublin and South-Eastern Railway.—Week ended 1st February, 1924—Passengers, parcels, mails, etc., £5,317 (1923, £5,338), decrease, £121; merchandise and live stock, £3,921 (1923, £3,266), increase, £655. Total for week, £9,132 (1923, £8,604, increase, £534. Aggregate of five weeks to date, £41,593 (1923, £41,763), decrease, £160.

Cork Bandon and South Coast Railway.—Week ended 2nd February, 1924—Passengers, parcels, mails etc, £1,082, increase, £1,082; merchandise and live stock, £2,298, increase £2,298. Total for week, £3,380, increase £3,380. Aggregate of four weeks to date, £16,169, increase, £15,168.

Belfast and County Down Railway.—Week ending 1st February, 1924—Passengers, etc., £3,873; merchandise, etc., £1,098. Total, £5,171. Aggregate receipts—Passengers, etc., £17,245; merchandise, etc., £5,589. Total, £22,834.

TIN OUTPUT.

Lower Bisichi, Nigeria, Tin Mines, Ltd., cable out for January, 6 tons.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore vary to some extent from, those given in our comments :—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols.....(56⅛)	56⅜	3½ Conv.Ln. 76¼-76⅝	– ⅛
War Ln.3½ %	99⅛-⅜	Irish Land 2½...	57-58
do. 4½ %	96-97	India 3%	64-66
do. 4 %	100-100⅛	do. 3½	62-64
do. 4 % Tax free	101¼-102¼	do. 2½	39½-100⅝
Fund'g L'n...(88⅛)	87⅞	do. 5%	113-114
Victory Bds.....	91-92	Local Loans (64¼-65⅛)	
		Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-109

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

DOCKRELL LIMITED, M.I.A.A.

PROPERTY AUCTION, THURSDAY, 21ST FEB.

SYDNEY LODGE, SYDNEY AVENUE, BLACKROCK.

An unusually attractive double-fronted cottage-style Residence, with very good garden in front and rear, and good-sized rooms; wide entrance hall, 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, maid's room, kitchen, storeroom, hot bath; side entrance, greenhouse, with vine. Immediate possession will be given to purchaser. A sum of over £200 was expended on a complete new installation of drainage system within the past few months.

Adjoining the above is a semi-detached House, "Hazeldene," which is let at £40 per annum, and will be included in the Sale.

The entire is held for a term of 40½ years from 1899, subject to a head rent of £23.

The Property can be inspected at any time on an Order to View from the AUCTIONEERS.

Messrs. MATHESON, ORMSBY, and PRENTICE, Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, Unity Buildings, 16-17 Lr. Sackville street, Dublin.

No. 35 LEESON PARK.

A HANDSOME RESIDENCE, WITH VACANT POSSESSION.

The House is semi-detached, in a most convenient situation, within 10 minutes' walk of Stephen's Green, and is a choice residential locality, and is immediately opposite Leeson Park Church. It has a handsome red brick front with cut granite steps; the entire rear and side walls are compood. There is a porch entrance to an elaborately tiled square hall, drawingroom, 25 x 18 feet, diningroom 23 x 18 feet, handsomely-carved mantels and brass grates; breakfast room and two pantries on the same floor; upstairs, on the next floor, there are five bedrooms, two of them the same size as the drawingroom and diningroom; billiard room, maid's room, tiled kitchen and pear-sized, 3 pantries and storeroom, bathroom, with hot and cold supply, hand basin, copper cylinder and boiler, with copper piping, three w.c.'s in the house; complete installation of electric light, with heating plugs in all the principal rooms; side entrance; excellent stabling accommodation, garage and dwellinghouse.

Held for a term of 200 years from 1871, subject to only £11 10s. per annum. P.L. Valuation £85.

Messrs. CASEY, CLAY and COLLINS, Solicitors, 21 St. Andrew street.

The House can be seen daily from 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPACIOUS AND CENTRAL PREMISES,

SUITABLE FOR MOTOR, DRAPERY, OR ANY BUSINESS REQUIRING SPACIOUS PREMISES IN A CENTRAL POSITION.

2 DAWSON STREET,

LATELY OCCUPIED BY MESSRS. HUTTON.

The premises are most substantially constructed, and have a total depth of about 115 feet in the shop floor, the back portion having a large and well-lighted cellar, suitable for workrooms; wide front and rear entrance. There are extensive offices and dwelling accommodation overhead, which is let in two lettings at £200 and £85 per annum.

The entire property is held under lease from the 1st of May, 1920, at £500 per annum. A reversionary lease for 30 years from 1937 can be had at £500 per annum.

Order to view can be had from the Auctioneers.

Messrs. W. J. SHANNON and CO., Solicitors, 19 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.

DOCKRELL LIMITED, M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS,

SOUTH GREAT GEORGE'S STREET, DUBLIN.

IMPORTANT FURNITURE AUCTION

WILL BE HELD TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) AT 1 O'CLOCK,

AT 18 BACHELOR'S WALK.

GOOD OLD FURNITURE, consisting of the finest Bedroom Suites, Diningroom Suites, Parlour and Drawingroom Suites, all splendid condition; 16 beautiful Mahogany mirrored backs Sideboards, various designs and sizes; several Dining Tables and Sets of Chairs, in Walnut, Mahogany and Oak; beautiful Overmantels, Fenders, and Carpets; several Mahogany Bookcases, China Cabinets, and Drawingroom Tables; several odd Wardrobes, mirrored doors, with drawers underneath; fine Mahogany Pedestal Writing Table, Oak Rolled Top Desk, Fireproof Safe, and Bentwood Chairs; All-Brass Bed, several Black and Brass Beds and Springs, Bedding, Kitchen Dressers, Tables and Chairs, together with a useful collection of Household Furniture, all in nice clean condition,

AUCTION TO COMMENCE AT 1 O'CLOCK PROMPT.

F. BENNETT & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS,

18 BACHELOR'S WALK. 'PHONE—1734.

COUNTY OF LONGFORD.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

THREE VALUABLE FARMS OF LAND,

KNOWN AS "OLD CLONBRONEY."

I HAVE received instructions from Frederick Browne, Esq., to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), 6th FEBRUARY, 1924, at the hour of 1 o'clock, in One or Three Lots.

LOT 1—Containing 186 acres 20 perches, statute measure, subject to a yearly instalment, payable to the Irish Land Commission, £31 12s. 4d. There is a gentleman's two-storey slated residence on this holding, containing drawingroom, diningroom, two kitchens and pantry on ground floor, and 3 bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), and w.c. on second floor. The house, being quite recently renovated, is in thorough repair. The yard contains a stabling, coachhouse, motor house. There is also a well-enclosed fruit and vegetable garden, fully stocked. The lands are of the best fattening quality, well sheltered and well watered. There is a very valuable bog attached to the holding, which brings in an income every year, and there are also two yearly tenants paying £5 and £2 10s.

LOT 2—Containing 124 acres 1 rood 32 perches, statute measure, subject to £24 8s. 8d. yearly, payable to Irish Land Commission. There is a comfortable slated dwelling and suitable range of out-offices on this holding. The lands are of the best quality, suitable for tillage, grazing, or meadow. There is also a valuable bog adjoining.

LOT 3—Containing 12 acres 3 roods, statute measure. Sold free of rent for ever and adjoining Lot 1, being divided by the River.

This forms a most desirable investment for any person requiring a residence and good farms, as the house is now letting in the best part of a rent free. This property is situate on the road leading from Longford to Granard, being within three miles of the latter, and of three miles from Edgeworthstown (M.G.W.R.).

Terms—A deposit of one-fourth the purchase money, together with 5 per cent. of Auctioneer's commission, on purchaser being declared.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

T. W. DELANY, Esq., Solicitor, Longford; or to

WILLIAM STEPHENSON,

Auctioneer,

LONGFORD and GRANARD.

600 STORE CATTLE,

At 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN,

On TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),

Commencing at 12 o'clock.

GRAZING LETTINGS BY AUCTION.

COUNTY DUBLIN,

WE have been instructed to LET BY AUCTION,

30 ACRES PRIME GRAZING,

AT OAK PARK, CASTLEKNOCK,

ON THIS DAY, at 5 p.m.

Also 23¼ Acres at

KELLYSTOWN, CLONSILLA,

On THIS DAY, at 4 p.m.

COUNTY MEATH.

WE have been instructed by the Right Hon. Earl of Fingall TO LET BY AUCTION

225 ACRES PRIME GRAZING,

in suitable divisions,

AT KILLEEN CASTLE, DUNSANY,

On FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY,

at 12 o'clock.

GRAZING TO LET BY PRIVATE TREATY.

50 ACRES, in two Divisions, at KILLENARDEN, CO. DUBLIN.

IMPORTANT CLEARANCE SALE OF

HORSES, CATTLE, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

AND LETTING OF 12 ACRES I.P.M.

ACCOMMODATION LAND,

With an abundance of keep

(Within 3 miles of Dublin Cattle Market),

AT CARPENTERSTOWN, CASTLEKNOCK,

On WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY,

For Patrick Monks, Esq.

GAVIN LOW, LTD., M.I.A.A.

50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

SALES BY PRIVATE TREATY.

BALLYMAGERNY, DRUMHERRIFF & DERRYCREW, LOUGHGALL, CO. ARMAGH.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY, VALUABLE FARM OF LAND, and RESIDENCE, the property of Mr. W. J. McWade, who has purchased a larger holding.

All that Farm of Land, situate in the above townlands, containing 30 Statute Acres or thereabouts, subject to the half-yearly instalments of £9 14s. 1d., payable to the Government of Northern Ireland.

There is a comfortable Dwellinghouse and suitable Office-houses on the Farm. The land is in the highest state of cultivation, and suited either for grazing or tillage purposes, 3 acres being planted in a choice orchard.

The above Farm is situated about 1 mile from the village of Loughgall, 5 miles from Armagh, and 6 miles from Portadown.

For further particulars apply to

W. R. HANNA,

Auctioneer,

CHARLEMONT, MOY.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES CONVENIENT TO THE CITY.

SOMERTON, CASTLEKNOCK.

Standing on 175a. 1r., 35p., overlooking the River Liffey, and within a mile of Phœnix Park. Rent, £106 6s. 9d. per annum.

DISWELLSTOWN

Residence and Out-offices, with 165a. Or. 36p. Held in Fee-simple. Also within a mile of Phœnix Park.

ABBEY LODGE.

Medium-size Dwellinghouse, with well-designed and recently constructed Out-offices, comprising loose boxes for 25 horses, large circular covered-in riding school, hay and cattle sheds. Standing on 65a. 1r. 16p. Rent £16 per annum. 1¼ miles from Phœnix Park.

Above Properties adjoin one another, and will be Sold in lower Lots by Auction, in the Salerooms, Usher's quay, Dublin,

On WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1924,

At one o'clock.

For instructions of T. K. Laidlaw, Esq.

The Lands can be inspected at any time. The Residence can be inspected by appointment only, and on Order to View from the Auctioneers.

Messrs. D. and T. FITZGERALD, Solicitors, 20 St. Andrew street, Dublin.

GANLY, SONS & CO.,

Auctioneers,

USHER'S QUAY, DUBLIN.

MARYVILLE, RAHENY.

ANNUAL LETTING OF GRAZING

For the Right Hon. Lady Ardilaun,

On FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th,

At 12 o'clock, on the Lands.

Particulars of Divisions from

GANLY, SONS & CO.

GRAZING LANDS, SEASON 1924.

GRANGE HILLS, FALLAGHT, 22, 20, and 14 Acres; CLONDALKIN, 25 Acres; INCHICORE, 12 Acres; RAHENY, 19 Acres; ROOTHOBEENY, 19 Acres; CLONSKEAGH, 8 Acres; RATHFARNHAM, 35 Acres.

Particulars from

GANLY, SONS & CO.

STORE CATTLE AUCTION

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 11 O'CLOCK

GANLY, SONS & CO

USHER'S QUAY, DUBLIN.

ON VIEW THIS DAY. SALE THIS EVENING.

WATCHES JEWELLERY, SILVER, ETC.

THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, 6th FEBRUARY, IN THE PROVINCIAL AUCTION ROOMS.

8 MERCHANT'S QUAY, at the hour of 8 o'clock,

Highly Attractive SALE BY AUCTION from

KELLY'S

GREAT CENTRAL MONEY OFFICE,

48 FLEET ST.

Comprising:—1 Dozen GOLD WATCHES, Gent.'s 18ct. Cut Hunting English Lever, by Racine; Wrist Watches, Ladies' Lovers, DIAMOND AND OTHER GEM-SET JEWELLERY, including important Plaque-shape Diamond Ring, Cluster and Half-hoop Diamond Rings, Diamond and Sapphire Bracelet, Signet, Band and Snake Rings; Gent. and Albert Chains; Bracelets and Bangles; Gold Coins and Medals, including 1 Jubilee £2 Piece. Spade Guinea, etc.; SILVER, including Cigarette and Card Cases, 2 Tankards, 2 Cruets, Vases, 2 Jugs, Dishes, Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons and Forks, Ladles, Plated Ware and Miscellaneous, comprising:—Entree and Breakfast Dishes, Biscuitaires, Bowls; DECORATIVE CHINA, including Dresden Centre-pieces, Dresden Figures and Groups, one pair representing "Peace" and "War"; Portable Typewriter, 3-bottle Tantalus, Spirit Frame, Violin, with other Lots. Note—The above Property will be on View at Auction Rooms this (Wednesday), from 11 o'clock until 8. Sale this (Wednesday) evening, at 6 o'clock.

THOMAS GARLAND,

Auctioneer and Valuer, 8 MERCHANT'S QUAY.

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

AUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL HOLDING near the GLEN OF THE DOWNS AND DELGANY.

I WILL SELL BY AUCTION, on FRIDAY, the 15th of FEBRUARY, at One o'clock, for Mr. George C. Graydon, on the premises, at Toonon, all his Interest, Right and Title to the Estate, which consists of a total area of about 343 acres, more or less, situate at DOWNS HILL, KILLINPARK and TOONON, with House and Offices in the centre of the holding. The Land is all of the soundest and best for grazing and tillage, and stock also remarkably well, and the place is in a very convenient district, and near the Dublin road. The total rent on the entire estate works out at about £89 per year. The Killinpark portion of the land is of the very best sort, and free of all rent. And, taken on the whole, this is one of the best as it is one of the cheapest holdings that have been offered for sale for a long time.

All particulars can be had from

JOSEPH KEANE,

Auctioneer, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

Or from

Messrs. ORPEN and SWEENY, Solicitors, 33 Anglesea street, Dublin.

COTTOWN, CO. DOWN

(1 Mile from Groomsport road Station, and 2 Miles from Bangor).

I AM instructed by Mr. Andrew Gardner (who is going abroad) to SELL BY AUCTION, on Premises, THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 5 o'clock p.m.:—

Lot 1.—Valuable Farm in Townland of Cottown, 17 Acres, or thereabouts; judicial rent, £11 per annum; comfortable Dwelling and extensive office-houses.

Lot 2.—Valuable Farm, 10 Statute Acres; judicial rent, £8; comfortable Dwellinghouse and out-offices.

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